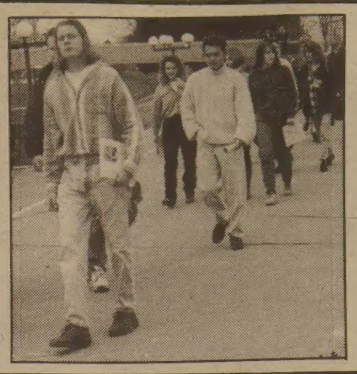

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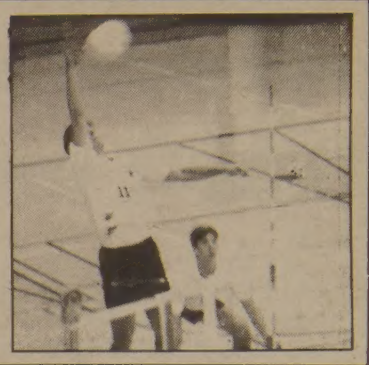

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Construction to begin on college residence

100-room residence expected to open September 1995

By MICHAEL GREVES
Staff Writer

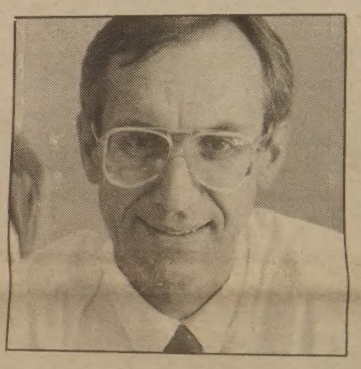
A 100-bed, $4.5-million residence planned for the Welland campus will begin construction in the next week, said Hans Van der Slagt, vice-president accounting.

The building will be located on the north east corner of Niagara College property, near the First Avenue entrance.

"What we are trying to do is unique in the college system. We are working with a developer to build and manage a residence on campus," van der Slagt said.

The college signed an agreement on Oct. 28 with Armenti Bros. Construction and Russell Associates Inc. to construct and design the residence. The developer will be leasing the property from Niagara College and will manage the residence as a separate entity, Van der Slagt said.

Student fees for living in the residence have not been established but are expected to be "competitive with Brock University" and other similar institutions, he said. Brock residence fees run about $2,200 for eight months including a meal plan.



HANS VAN DER SLAGT

The only criteria students must fill is that they are enrolled full time at the college. A majority of students are expected to be first-year students, Van der Slagt said.

The college doesn't have some of the administration and services required to run a residence creating a need to hire outside of the college.

The new residence is expected to open in September 1995, with some areas, if completed on time, being made available to local groups.

Van der Slagt described the new building from available design schematics.

"Each room has its own facade to make the residence look less institutional," Van der Slagt said. "The rooms will be spacious, and, as far as I know, the furniture will be attractive . . . (it will be) a building which fits the community."

The two-storey structure will have a cafeteria for residents, as well as shared kitchens. The rooms will be grouped to form three "houses"— units within the building—and further broken down into smaller groups of eight or 12.

The houses will share a large living area and laundry facilities. The small groups will share a balcony, study area and a kitchen.

The rooms have been designed as double rooms with the option to divide them into singles. Several units will be wheelchair accessible.

Niagara College signs international deal

By MICHAEL WALES
and WILLY NOILES
Staff Writers

The president's conference room was the site of another international agreement for Niagara College.

In the early hours of Nov. 11, College President John Saso inked a deal with Chan-Ho Wi, president of the Dae-Han Nursing Institution of Seoul, Korea, that will see more than 100 Korean students attending Niagara College each year.

The college has been negotiating with Dae-Han for eight months.

The first group of students is expected to arrive in April.

Dennis Malone, Niagara College's director of International Education, says the students are graduates of the Nursing Assistant program at Dae-Han Institution.

The students will begin English as a Second Language (ESL) training. This is expected to last between four months to a year, Malone says.

Upon completion of ESL, the students will enter the Nursing Studies program, in a specially established class section, although initially on a limited basis, he says.

"We must be careful. We don't want to jeopardize entry for Canadian students," Malone says.

David Schleich, Vice-President Academic, says the nursing training for Korean students will be self-funding and will not be linked to provincial quotas.

While studying at the college, the Korean students will live in a residence in Niagara Falls, Ont., which is being proposed by the KoCanAm consulting firm, who acted as negotiators in this deal. The residence will not be operated by Niagara College, and will be funded by outside investors, Malone says.

At first, the students will be concentrating on the health sciences, with plans to study horticulture, computer programing, graphic design and technology in coming years.

"They're talking about Niagara College being the main educational institution for

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An agreement was signed between the Dae-Han Nursing Institution and Niagara College on Nov. 11. At the signing, from left, are Dennis Malone, Niagara College director of International Education, Chan Ho Wi, president of Dae-Han Nursing Institute, Harry Kim, president of KoCanAm International, Niagara College President John Saso and Dr. Seong Hi Yim, a member of Dae-Han's Board of Governors.

Photo by Michael Wales

Debate over Board make-up

By WILLY NOILES
Staff Writer

A proposal by Ontario's Council of Regents to change the make-up of all colleges' boards of governors is being met with skepticism.

The Council of Regents, a provincial government agency that acts as a negotiating agent for community colleges, among other mandates, released a paper in March proposing board of governors representatives be selected on a constituency basis rather than the current community basis.

Niagara College President John Saso says colleges have done well because they've focused on their communities' needs.

"It's the best model, and why change it?" he asks.

Abram Konrad, a researcher for the University of Alberta, defines a community-based board model as a collective profile of individuals who bring their experience and expertise to the board so it can function at its greatest level of effectiveness.

In a constituency-based model, Konrad writes, each member is a "representative of a power bloc with vested interest."

London North MPP Dianne Cunningham, Progressive Conservative education critic, agrees. A constituency-based model "maximizes the political nature of the board."

'It's not a simple black and white issue.'
Bassett

Putting special interests "over the needs of the community and the college is detrimental to the college," Cunningham says.

The provincial government's Standing Committee on Government Agencies, on which Cunningham sits, is reviewing the Council of Regent's mandate. Recommendations to the legislature are expected in the new year.

Niagara Falls MPP Margaret Harrington, who also sits on the standing committee, says the board "should reflect the community. They are there to use their judgment to represent the whole community."

To reflect the community's make up, Harrington says, people of varying backgrounds are needed on the board. In Niagara, the aboriginal community, the physically challenged and the visible minorities should be represented, she says.

"But we expect them to speak on all issues, not just their own interests. They're there to represent all issues," Harrington says.

What is needed on the boards is more business experts, Cunningham says. "We're crying out for that kind of leadership in our community colleges."

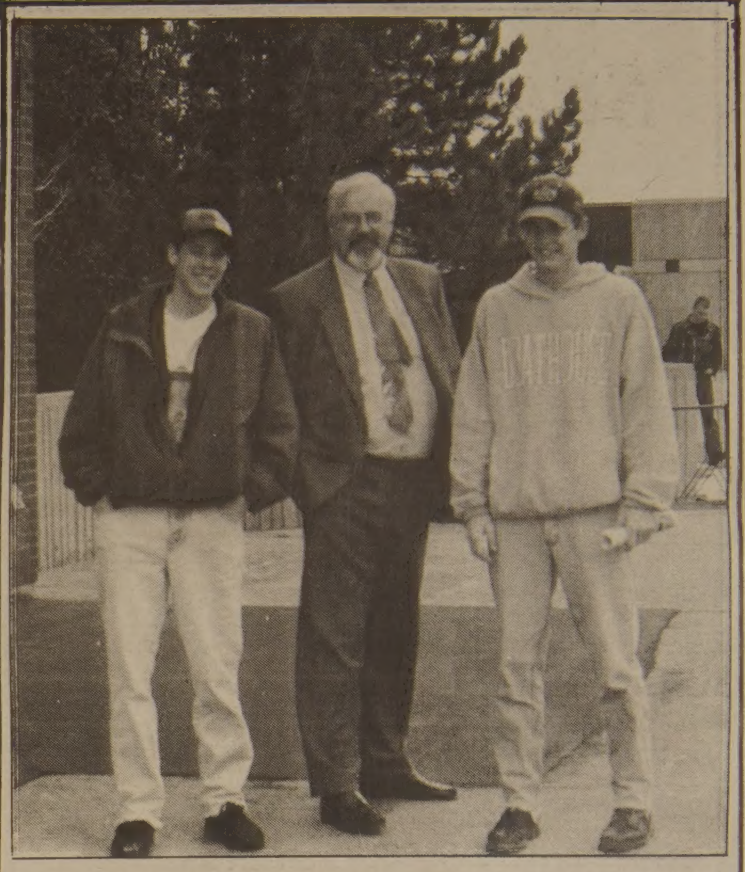
Niagara College Board Chair Rick Bassett says both models have their advantages.

Niagara's board has elected representatives from faculty, the student body, administration and support staff as well as community members.

"We've got a little bit of both," Bassett says.

To effectively meet the needs of the college and the surrounding community, a mix of constituency-based and community-based is needed, Bassett says.

"It's not a simple black and white issue," he says. "We can't look at Niagara with a narrow focus. We need to look at the big picture and what's good for the college."



Port Colborne Lakeshore High School student Jayme Henderson, left, Tom Wraight, Lakeshore's guidance counsellor and student Allen Clowtier discover Niagara College Tuesday morning.

Photo by Sue Noble

Future students tour the campus

By SUE NOBLE
Staff Writer

Buses unloaded hundreds of high school students outside Niagara College's Mackenzie building Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Students from the Niagara Region toured and discovered what Niagara College has to offer in the way of post secondary education.

Students from 39 different high schools were escorted by Niagara's second-year students around campus and through each department.

Jayme Henderson and Allan Clowtier, both 19, of Lakeshore High School in Port Colborne, said they came to hear about the Law and Security Administration program.

"These are just two examples of the very fine product Lakeshore has to offer Niagara," said Tom Wraight, Lakeshore's guidance counsellor.

Mark Gibbons and Scott Cotte, both 18, also of Lakeshore High School, said this was their first visit to the college and they were looking forward to seeing what the business programs have to offer.

Ridgway-Crystal Beach High School had about 70 students taking the tour.

Andrew Snugocki, 16, said he and his friends, Mike Venditti, 16, and Greg Young, 17, from Centennial High in Welland were "really looking forward" to seeing the technology departments.

"That's the future," said Young.

Board of Governors reviewing policies

By WILLY NOILES
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Board of Governors is reviewing its policies.

Rick Bassett, board chair, says the board has been re-evaluating, for about three months, the policies that govern how business is done.

"We're trying to re-engineer the way we conduct board business," Bassett says.

College President John Saso says the review is a "healthy thing." With provincial, federal and global events happening continuously, "you sometimes lose your focus."

Ian Hennessy, a St. Catharines representative on the board who chairs the policy review committee, says "it's forcing us to think about things in a wider stance than we had been."

Seeing if improvements could be made prompted the policy review, says Bassett.

"It's worthwhile for anyone to sit down once in a while and look at themselves," he says.

The committee has been "making good progress," Bassett says, and hope to have everything finished in about a month. But he warns "we're not trying to rush things."

Once the policy review is complete, the board will seek other college users' opinions.

"Part of the process is communicating the policies to the rest of the college community," Bassett says.

International deal signed

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Ontario," Saso says, adding if a spot is not available at Niagara, placement will be found at other Ontario colleges.

"This is a very flattering arrangement, and one of many international things that are beginning to happen for us," Saso says.

Malone says the benefits to the college will be mainly financial and will benefit all college students, as extra funds will be used for the development of all programs.

The deal creates opportunity for faculty as well, as Niagara instructors may be invited to Korea to teach, he added.

"The deal will also raise the profile of the college internationally."

Saso says "the most important thing is they know we have the quality education they want."

Malone says Dae-Han sees a demand for qualified, North American-trained, English-speaking nurses, as there is an increasing number of foreign visitors in Korea, along with 30,000 American troops stationed in the country.

"The new campus and the exciting initiatives we've made are what is attracting people to our college," Saso says.

Korean officials see the college as being safe and "student-friendly," he says.

"They like the area, they like the college."

The Niagara College negotiating team consisted of Malone, Saso, Schleich, Dan Patterson, vice-president Ventures, George Repar, Board of Governors representative and David Davies, director of Hospitality and Tourism.

"Our reputation internationally is such that people are looking to establish linkage with us," Saso says.

With a multi-year industrial technology agreement between Yueyang University in China and Niagara reached in September and now the agreement with Korea, Saso says "it's almost like (Prime Minister Jean) Chretien was over there saying 'go to Niagara College.'"

Corrections from last issue

A quote from Linda Shuart, the Student Administrative Council (SAC) vice-president social, should not have been published in an article in the Nov. 4 edition of the Niagara News (Volume 25, No. 4) on Page 2. The Niagara News apologizes for the error.

An article in the Nov. 4 edition of the Niagara News (Volume 25, No. 4) on Page 17 should have stated that Joanne Stubbins, an off-set press operator at the Niagara College Welland campus for 25 years, is co-chair of the Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC) at the college and a representative on support staff Local 243 of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU).

It is the policy of the Niagara News to correct all errors of fact.

Student representatives helping out on SAC

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

Students, do you know who your student representatives are? If not, here they are.

"Student Respresentatives are the link and liaison to the Student Administrative Council (SAC)," says Jason Graham, SAC's executive vice-president.

He says by having student representatives it is "a better way" for the students to make their decisions concerning student life.

Student representatives break down the respresentation of the student population and instead of just having six people, it is better to have three extra people to add input to SAC, says Graham.

Student representatives have 1/3 voting power on SAC. They also are class representatives. Class representatives are the communication link between the programs and SAC. Any problems or issues that students have go through class respresentatives.

"We are here to represent the best interests of the student body, and to keep them informed," says Steve McCutcheon, a second-year Social Service Worker program student. He also is one of the student representatives.

McCutcheon was elected to be a student representative last year and was re-elected again in October.

"It appears to me that a lot of students did not seem well informed last year and they should be—this is their school," says McCutcheon.

He says all members of SAC are "very approachable. We have a good, efficient working relationship with SAC."

"If there are any concerns please feel free to approach us. We as student representatives are here for you," says McCutcheon, adding students read the bulletin boards, stay informed, get involved and "most importantly, have fun."

"They are conscientious in wanting to perform their duties as student representatives and they are eager to help," says Bill Andrews, SAC's vice-president of athletics.

Graham starts the process of electing student representatives moving at the beginning of the year.

With McCutcheon, (Sean) Rhoads, and (Bren) Biggs now sitting on council, I think we have the representation we need to make quality decisions regarding students and student life," says Dawn Swayze, SAC's vice-president of internal affairs.

She says the Student Representatives bring an issue to her and it is represented to SAC.

"I became a student representative by chance," says Sean Rhoads, a second-year Journalism-Print program student. He also is a student representative. "We have two meetings per month. I am in charge of running the Tuesday meeting of every month,"

He says Graham does a great amount of hard work and their is a lot of room to do loads of stuff. "It can only get better."

"Student Representatives are very valuable to SAC. They free-up time for us. It sets up more avenues to get to the students," says Linda Shuart, SAC's vice-president social.

Bren Biggs, 23, a first-year Recreation and Leadership program student, has a degree in political science.

"This gives me the opportunity to use what I have learned to benefit myself and other students," says Biggs.

She says she has enjoyed being involved with student council and the student body so far this year.

"Student Representatives are an asset to student council. They do a great job and help with events," says Jeff Poulin, vice-president external for SAC.

SAC President Bernie Kurek says Student Representatives have been to every meeting and they ask of good questions.

"Student Representatives add balance to SAC and it gives three additional bodies to how SAC operates," says Lou Dimatto, assistant to the director of student life and succuss.

If students have any questions they may ask McCutcheon, Biggs and Rhoads, the Student Representatives for 1994/95.

Computer teaches students

By MIKE MICHAUD
Staff Writer

A "pilot project" is in progress to test the viability of computer-based teaching at Niagara College.

The Basic Academic Skills - Independent Study (BASIS) system is being used to teach students in the Retail Management program Wordperfect 5.1 without the need for a teacher, said Roger Stouck, who acts as a liaison between the department and the classroom.

He said the BASIS system was developed at Sheridan College in Oakville "a couple of years ago." Students using it get their lessons from a textbook, and tutorials from the computer. A class assistant is present, but only to help with any technical problems and to make sure the students do the work, he said.

There are seven units in the course. To move onto the next unit, students must first complete the present level and show it to the class assistant, who charts their progress on what Stouck calls a "tracking sheet." Once all seven units have been completed, students perform a "competency test" to see what they've learned.

The BASIS-Wordperfect course requires only a 50 per cent grade to pass, but a 70 per cent grade is needed to pass the competency test. Students are given three attempts to successfully complete the test. If they pass the test on the first attempt, that mark is taken as final. If it takes more than one try, however, students must still get 70 per cent on their last attempt and their average of all attempts must be more than 50 per cent.

Stouck said the course isn't for everyone. He says it is best suited for students who are "motivated enough to work on their own," or for those who already know WordPerfect and want to write the competency test early. He said students without the proper self-motivation "wouldn't get the full benefit that they'd get with a teacher."

He uses the two current classes of students as an example. In the first section of 28 students, Stouck said about 11 are "in trouble of completing." In the second group of 28, he said about 20 "are in trouble of completing."

"About half the students haven't kept up," he said.

Plans are underway to expand the course to three sections for the winter term. Stouck also said if students already know Wordperfect and want the credit, they can register for the course and complete the seven units and the competency test in one sitting.

Legion awards scholarship

By ERIN JONES
Staff Writer

Sylwia Szymanska is the first woman to receive the Royal Canadian Legion scholarship in its eight year history.

Szymanska said that she is "surprised, privileged and happy", to be the first woman to earn the award.

The ceremony, held in Niagara College's Hamilton Room early Thursday morning, honors the student with the highest average in any two political science courses at Niagara.

Szymanska, 19, was this years recipent of the $200 scholarship with an average of 93 per cent in Introduction to Government and Canadian Political Structure.

Szymanska was a Law and Security Administration student. This year she is majoring in political science at McMaster University in Hamilton.

She came to Canada from Poland seven years ago. Szymanska lives in Hamilton.

"I believe anyone can achieve what they desire if they set their mind to it," she said.

The ceremony was held to honor Szymanska for her achievements in political science but it also honored those who fought for our Canada.

Eugene Maltais, a political science teacher at Niagara, introduced Legion Executive, Bill Herring, as the personification of Voltaire's words: "I do not agree with what you say but I will fight to the death for your right to say it."

Herring, 67, presented Szymanska with the scholarship on behalf of the RCL (Branch 4) on Morningstar Avenue in Welland.

"I hope the association (between Niagara College and the RCL) will last for a long time," said Maltais.

The legion found they were making enough money to put some back into the community, said Herring.

Last year the legion made $26-million nationwide.

Branch 4 donated $100,000 to cancer research scholarships and bursaries last year, said Herring.

"Veterans are becoming fewer and fewer, as it should be," he said.

The legion formed after the First World War when a group of soliders got together to give a poor soldier a proper burial, he said.

"This became known as the Last Post Fund, and it still exists within the legion today," said Herring.

"There is no glamor, no glory to war; it is straight unadulterated horror," he said.

"Branches are starting to close, eventually the last legion will close its doors," said Herring.

"There will be no regret just nostalgia," he said.

In the future Szymanska said she hopes to become a Regional Police Officer or a Customs Officer.

Policy almost ready

By SUE NOBLE
Staff Writer

It's taken almost a year, said Carol Boettcher, vice-president of student life and human resources, but the post secondary anti-harassment and discrimination policy will be ready for the 1995-96 Niagara College student handbook.

"The next phase is to educate people on the issues of violence," said Boettcher.

She added, "Awareness has been raised because of situations like the murder of 14 women at Concordia University in Montreal."

"We respond to people's concerns for safety."

She said if an incident occurs at Niagara it is dealt with swiftly and the parties involved are asked to "sign a behavior contract."

This has been a very successful method of dealing with first offences, she said.

"After all, we are dealing with adults."

Boettcher said one of the first priorities counsellors of Niagara have is helping students become familiar with the facilities, programs available and policies set by the college for student success.

"I think the counsellors at Niagara are generally interested in student success," said Boettcher.

They try to direct students toward the right programs, she said, and if the students find it's not what they thought, they can return to the counselling offices for re-evaluation.

"We often try new methods, the car walk was one such project," she said.

To contact the counselling office, call 735-2211, ext. 7796 or 7689.

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Kudos to Chretien

What looked like just another photo-op for Canada's federalist camp has turned out to be a significant accomplishment.

We're talking about the recent trade mission to Asia which netted Canada about $8 billion in firm contracts and agreements in principle.

Jean Chretien and nine of Canada's premiers went to China with a firm goal and achieved it.

After about a year in power without any real effort, the Liberal government has finally given Canadians a reason to continue their honeymoon with Chretien and his gang.

Although those of the political left will no doubt criticize the Chretien government of shamelessly ignoring China's dismal human rights record in pursuit of business deals, we feel it's important for Canada to fix its own problems before trying to fix the problems of other countries.

We applaud Chretien and the nine premiers for their efforts.

Paul Hardy

Whiners be warned

If I can make it to school every morning, on time, why can't you?

I recently overheard, in a class, a group of people complaining about how rough they had it. Let me give you the gist of the conversation.

"I have to drive allllll the way from Niagara-on-the-Lake every day! Classes start way too early, I mean, I do have a social life! How can they (I'm assuming "they" are the administrators at Niagara College) expect us (the complainers) to go out for a few beers after a long day, wake up the next morning with a headache, come to school hanging (translation: hang over) and sit in class listening to a teacher drone on and on for hours on end?"

First of all, college is not a big day care for adults. The folks that usually attend college want to learn something. Assuming that either a) students are receiving $4,000 to $10,000 a year from the Ontario Student Assistance Program, which by the way, must be payed back, or b) mom and dad are picking up the tab for junior's education, most students want to be here.

Granted, I may be heard complaining on the occasion, although my priorities remain in order. I have a family to feed, a car to maintain, a house to run, food to buy . . . and don't forget those all-nighters (you know, the ones spent in the hospital with an asthmatic child struggling to breathe). I've tied on a few too, but I'm still at school after three hours sleep!

I'm still here, handing in assignments, and maintaining a B average. Unless every pipe in my entire house has broken (which it did last year) or I ditched my car (which has also been done by yours truly), I manage to get to school.

Don't get me wrong, a little complaining is good for the soul. But there is a time and a place.

Not only did these complaining students come in late and disrupt the entire class, but they moaned and groaned to each other, non-stop. They didn't have their assignments (which were given out a week prior) and ended up leaving early that day anyway!

School is a place to learn and socialize at the appropriate times. If students can distinguish the difference between the two, they will undoubtedly succeed. If not, they should not be here.

If you're not serious, move over and give someone else the opportunity who will be.

Tammy Crocker

Letters to the editor

Thanks LASA

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the first- and second-year Law and Security Administration program students who worked so hard to publicize and organize the recent Student Administrative Council-sponsored blood donor clinic.

The Corpsuckle Cuties, Vlad the Vampire, Buddy Blood Drop and the Niagara Knight were definitely noticed by the college community. Their makeup artists deserve a big thank you for the special effects.

These incredible LASA students posted, and then removed, over 1,000 notices on the college's walls, placed 2,500 "tickets" on vehicle windshields, set up and dismantled the clinic, provided traffic control of donors during the clinic and served over 200 donors with coffee, tea, juice, coke and donuts.

In addition, I would like to express my gratitude to Jeff Poulin, SAC vice-president external, for organizing the refreshments, arranging for and distributing the pizza and submitting the posters for photocopying. He was totally responsible for getting most of the food and drink donated at a reduced fee.

Mike Wales and the Niagara News provided excellent coverage of the clinic. Leon Lowry, of Tanguay Place, played a significant role in directing people to the clinic. Carolyn Hurst, college nurse, was extremely helpful in the recovery area and Red Cross officials were most appreciative of her help. I am very grateful to Cece Grypstra, Kerry Nicholls and John O'Neal for preparing the gym floor and providing the tables and chairs.

And a final word to the LASA students. You are a very special group of people who give willingly of your time (and blood) to help others. Your program alone was responsible for 53 per cent of the total pints collected at the clinic. You are truly amazing!

Thanks to everyone!

Jan Potton
Psychology Professor

"They" is actually "We"

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to the Nov. 4 letter to the editor "Homophobia/who is we?" by Law and Security Administration program student Kathleen Fullerton.

I am fortunate enough to have two incredibly open-minded and peaceful parents who have been happily married for 27 years. They taught me to accept people as individuals, not by their sexual preferences, gender or race. But I didn't always agree with them.

There was a time in my life when I shared [the] views [of] Ms. Fullerton. I once viewed homosexuality as "abnormal". I must admit I was extremely young and had little knowledge about the outside world.

What I didn't realize was the gay community is no different than my own — in fact, homosexuals are a part of my community. They are my neighbors, teachers, fellow students, doctors, priests, lawyers and administrators. For those who view homosexuality as immoral, once again, I was taught Jesus loves unconditionally — homosexuals included. Feeling rather stupid, I made the only intelligent decision and quickly changed my "homophobic" views.

I can't believe we live in a country where people are persecuted based on their sexual practices. Just what is it with Canadians and sexuality anyway?! A woman wears baggy clothes and no make-up, or doesn't shave and she's a butch. A man wears a skirt and he becomes a "fag". (Tell that to a Scotsman.) Mention the word sex, and many run for cover.

Until 1968, oral sex was an indictable offence in Canada, even among married couples. Realizing "the state has no place in the bedrooms of the nation," the federal government modified such laws. How about the recent example set by the Saskatchewan provincial government, when they chose to censor the black leather comedy East of Eden? Fortunately, they, too, realized their stupidity and are currently running the film.

Homosexuals are one of the most persecuted minorities in Canada. (Actually the gay community is far from a minority.) As a woman, I have a deep-seated, eternal search for equality. If we as Canadians had not changed our views concerning equality for women . . . Member of Parliament Roseanne Skoke could have kissed her chances goodbye at becoming more than a secretary. Equality for homosexuals has only just begun.

As I stated earlier, the gay community is part of our community. Hence, "THEY" is actually "WE".

My Canada includes WE! (And Oui!)

Sincerely,
Jenn Sheridan
Year 2 Journalism-Print

PERSPECTIVES

Never take life for granted

By JIM THOMPSON
Staff Writer

A promise to remember. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month and what it represents.

For most it is a day for poppies, for assemblies and for ceremony.

For some it is a memory.

We take our peace and freedom for granted. Perhaps it's time for someone to try something new on Remembrance Day. Perhaps someone should express what this day is really all about.

For as long as I can remember, going as far back as kindergarten, I've heard nothing of what really went on and what I'm supposed to remember except poppies and heroes.

It's time for someone to get up and talk about the killing, the bloodshed, the gross indecencies man has been subjected to, the hardships and diseases endured . . . all in the name of freedom. A freedom which today is taken so for granted.

We need someone to make the children of today realize there is always a better solution and a different approach than war.

The Niagara Falls, Ont., Remembrance Day celebration at the memorial arena was an excellent service with several local celebrity speakers and members from various armed forces and the civil service.

The problem is what did they remember when everyone left that arena at the end of the service?

Did they remember the dead soldiers? Did they remember the blood? The sacrifice? The millions of innocent kids who gave their lives for peace and freedom?

I doubt it.

What they probably remembered was the nice music and lovely choir and, oh hey! the mayor was there too!

What they don't remember is why.

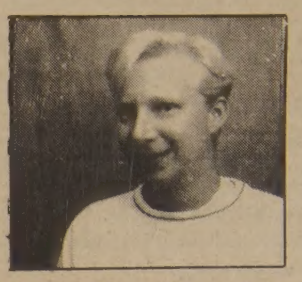
Next year I want to hear something about the violence and the unbearable tortures. I want to hear the truth instead of the niceties and the pretty poems.

Many may consider this inappropriate and perhaps too gruesome to discuss.

If so, we should consider ourselves lucky all we can do is discuss it... instead of having to actually live through it.

The Week That Was

By MICHAEL WALES
Staff Writer



The Democratic Party in the United States was assassinated last week. Police are questioning the American voting public in the case.

The once-dead Republican Party pulled off a stunning upset, capturing a majority in both houses of Congress for the first time in more than 40 years.

In fact, it might be interesting to note the last time the "Grand Old Party" held both houses of Congress, Senator Joseph McCarthy and Vice-President Richard Nixon donned their plaid hats and went on a bit of a hunting trip, returning home with a bunch of communists strapped to the hood of their pick-up truck . . . so to speak. Too bad Oliver North didn't manage to win that Virginia Senate seat, eh?

Also in the U.S. this week, Toronto Blue Jays pitchers Dave Stewart and Todd Stottlemyre went on trial for assaulting a few Tampa-area police officers last February. Many observers say they are quite surprised Stottlemyre could be capable of such hostility. And if Stottlemyre did indeed punch a police officer, it's quite surprising he landed the punch where he wanted it. Both were acquitted.

In Canada this week, it was decided the Paul Bernardo trial will be moved to an as yet undetermined location. The most likely locales seem to be either Toronto or Ottawa — big cities with lots of lawyers for Bernardo to hire and fire.

Have a good week.

Michael Wales said he feels compelled to comment on the oddities of life occurring in the past weeks.

Are you homophobic?

By DAWN SWAYZE
Staff Writer

This column is intended for the eyes of the general populous but directed towards the law-breaking homophobic busy at Niagara College's Welland campus last week.

It appears a member of the college community isn't aware of the Human Rights Code or, worse yet, chose to wilfully act against it. It is apparent he or she take objection to the new Gay and Lesbian Club holding meetings.

This October, the first Student Administrative Council-sponsored club for the gay community was formed. Advertising the club began shortly afterwards. Posters were hung on the bulletin boards and an advertisement was placed in Niagara News. Someone has since voiced their silent objection by tearing down these posters, while the staples were still hot.

Canada was founded by and consists of a diverse group of people. Not all people have the same

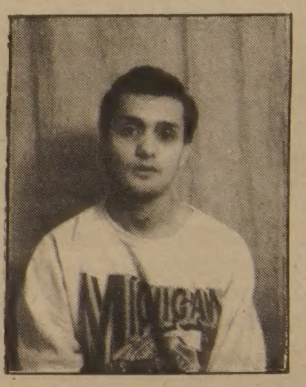
shape, smell or belief. Yet our governing powers gave us the same rights to live under.

Our college also abides by those rules. ALL STUDENTS at this college have the right to express themselves either individually or as a group. Furthermore, ALL STUDENTS have the right to form any (this being the key word) lawful organization.

College, in most respects, is a process of mind-expansion. My suggestion to our busy homophobic is visit the library.

My hard choices in life

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer



I think the hardest thing to do when you come from a close family is leave home. The last thing I really want is for my parents to pay for my schooling.

My decision to come to Niagara College from Windsor was probably the best choice I've made in my 22-year-old life.

The hardest part, though, is money. I'm sure the majority of students can relate to that.

Many students must borrow money from their parents or from the Ontario Student Assistant Program (OSAP). In fact, an average student borrowing money from OSAP is in debt between $6,000 and $8,000.

Last year, my parents gave me about $5,000 for my first year at Niagara. I felt very bad about that and I promised myself that I would try to pay it myself next year.

In the summer, I worked two jobs in Windsor - at the Elias Fruit Market and Chrysler Canada - saving about $4,000.

Now I'm looking for a part-time job so I won't have to borrow more money from my parents.

What makes it hard for students is that it's difficult to find a minimum-wage job these days, and that forces many students to borrow money from OSAP and puts them in a deficit situation.

I'm proud of what I did this summer, but like many students from out-of-town, I need a job, and even a hard worker like myself will be lucky to find one.

OSAP is a great solution for the time-being, but it puts students in a tough predicament.

Being in debt before you even graduate is not a great idea. It's best to find a part-time job and try hard to avoid OSAP.

Because remember, someday you've got to pay OSAP back — with interest.

Simple words can say it all

By EVELYN BAUER
Staff Writer

English is such an easy language to learn. Simple sentences are the best. Three words or less can have such an impact. This depending on who the sender and receiver is. We say and hear them all the time. The kind of sentence depends upon several factors.

1) Tone of voice.
2) Body language.
3) Location.
4) Time of day, season.
5) Who the sender is.
6) Who the receiver is.

The list can go on and on. When was the last time you said and or heard any of these.

Family, friend or foe, any of these sentences can make or break a relationship. Some may be kind, loving and warm and others can be down right cruel and unkind.

Are any of these familiar to you?
I love you. I'll be there. Your heart knows. I hate you. Please help me. You're the best. Take a hike. I miss you.

There must be others that you can think of.
Do you remember when you said or heard of any of them lately?
If you have to say any of them to anybody, be honest and sincere.
Always remember, words can hurt and heal.

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Here's a chance to get into computer tutoring

By GORDON HILL
Staff Writer

Are you pulling your hair out making your computer function? Or would you simply like to do better in your computer course?

John Kauckan, a first-year General Arts and Sciences student, is offering computer tutoring for students enrolled at Niagara College, through the peer tutoring program.

Having completed 14 computer courses, Kuackan says, "I take all the computer courses the college has to offer."

Assisting instructors in IBM computer labs at night, for the Continuing Education division, has prepared him for the demands of tutoring, he said.

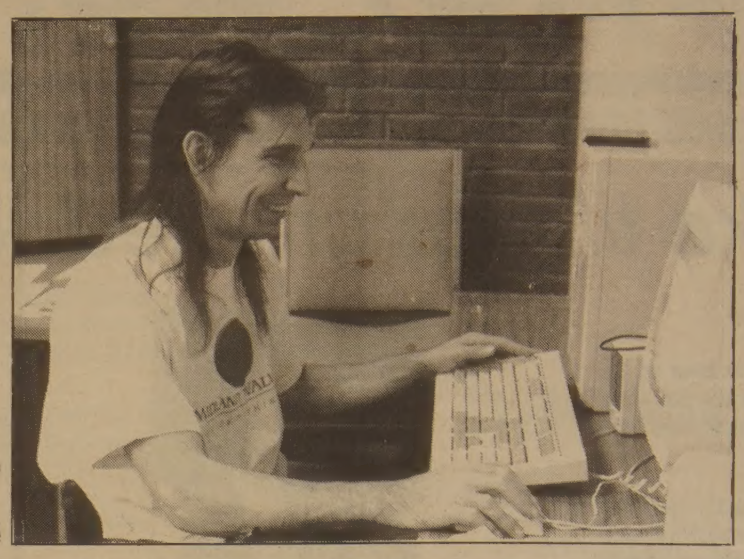
Working out of the aboriginal student lounge in S102A, he has found a niche. "I come here in the morning before I go to class, before I go home, and every spare I have, so I guess you can say I'm here about two hours a day," four days a week, Kuauckan said.

The computer system in the lounge is IBM compatible with Wordperfect, Lotus, D base, Dos 5 and 6 and Windows 3.1.

"We have five computers, four regular and one with CD rom and sound cart, which gives us the opportunity to examine programs such as multi-media and Encyclopedia Britanica," Kauckan said.

"I came in the office to get some information for my wife, who is native, and the people here adopted me. I really appreciate the support I've been given," he added.

Bonnie Winskel, the aboriginal access manager, purchased the computers in the summer but they weren't installed until the end of September.



General Arts and Sciences student, John Kauckan, offers tutoring for IBM computer use.

Photo by Gordon Hill

"I have an operating budget for equipment and supplies for the (aboriginal) student lounge," she said. The immediate need for the majority of students was computers.

The money comes from the provincial Ministry of Education for the development of the student lounge.

"The program is about improving and enriching the services (of the access office) instead of just four walls and four tables," she said.

The computers' purchase is in keeping with the mandate of the Seventh Fire office to make provisions for aboriginal students to improve by helping one another with support for each other, Winskel said.

Many of the aboriginal students enrolled at Niagara use the services of the access office and find the computers helpful.

Alcohol recovery a tough row to hoe

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

"Today I stay sober for me and no one else," says Jane (not her real name.)

Jane, 28, is a recovering alcoholic and drug addict. She is a student at Niagara College.

Jane said she has not taken an alcoholic drink since May 1988.

"When I left the house my sole purpose was to go out and get drunk. I did this so my body would not feel anything. The alcohol gave me a feeling of relaxation and my inner self felt numb," she says with a smile that shows such despair and with blue eyes sparkling from tears cascading down her face.

"Before I started drinking my body was filled with self pity and a lot of hurt. The hurt was so bad, I could feel my heart and soul slowly dying, and everything around me was fading away."

She says when she was a child she was "very emotional." Her personality was unstable and her feelings were "very sensitive." Jane's mind was constantly fixed on the perception she didn't fit in or belong.

"When I held that drink in my hand it was my security and lifeline to the outside world. Not only did the drink make me feel numb, but the alcohol took control of my body. I became nasty, evil and abusive.

"I am not able to have children because of a car accident I was in at age 17. It was 4 a.m. Some friends and I were travelling home from Buffalo, N.Y. I was laughing and screaming, holding two drinks in both my hands. At one moment I was happy and at the next I was pinned under the car from the waist down, lying in a pool of blood screaming out in pain — not screams of joy."

From this accident Jane suffered from a chronic fallopian tubular infection. "This infection developed over a period of two years. I was bleeding inside, externally and emotionally. I was rushed to emergency. Because of my accident, I will never have a chance to bring a life into the world.

"I began to drink excessive amounts of alcohol and what I really was trying to do was kill myself. I got through that accident. I felt invincible because I survived as an alcoholic."

After the tragedy of finding out she couldn't have children, life got worse. Jane was drinking one night in Toronto in April 1982. She was beaten, raped and left to die.

"At that point the alcohol overpowered everything and the drinking caused me to suffer from a blackout. When I woke up the feeling I had was complete disgust and I felt ashamed and worthless. The drinking became a huge snowball on a continuous cycle of death."

Two years later the nightmare of fear continued for Jane. She suffered from an alcoholic seizure and three cocaine drug overdoses.

"When I was hospitalized my heart went crazy. I wanted to die. I had no reason to live. My heart was full of self-pity and I had given up and accepted rejection. My feeling was that no one will ever love me.

"My heart was full of pain and loneliness. I continued on a path of destruction, a continuous cycle of drinking until I didn't have a tear to cry. The alcohol took control."

The road to destruction became worse. It reached a point of death. "In 1988 my best friend died from alcohol. He choked on his own vomit. He was the link to keeping me together. Because of his death, I finally saw a different outlook when I held a bottle of beer in my hand.

"The door of emotion was opened and calling my name. Finally I realized my life was destroyed, and I was hurt, lonely, but most of all angry.

"My name is Jane and I am an alcoholic and drug addict. For once in my life, finally, I could admit this to myself when I joined the alcohol rehabilitation centre.

"Rehabilitation brought out a lot of emotion that I had to deal with. My self-hate was coming out and everything in my life, every emotion was twisted to anger. Rehabilitation allowed me to find out why I was so angry and I had to do this in order to start a path to recovery. I didn't know how to love another person. I had to learn to love myself first.

"As long as I didn't let anyone *inside my protective wall that I* built around me, the hurt could not reach inside of me and pull me apart piece by piece.

"I can remember a memory from being in rehabilitation. I was sitting in group therapy, feeling like there was a big hole in my chest. I could not breathe. Everytime I took a breath the inside of me felt so empty because the alcohol was not there. I had to fill those empty spaces in my life with positive things.

"In my life now I get angry and I just want teenagers with drinking problems to see the real picture or they will die," says Jane, who has been working since 1990 as a alcohol associate counsellor through the Addiction Intervention Association.

"If my life was timed, back two years ago and I didn't have school or supportive friends I would want a drink, but as time passes that desire for a drink becomes less and less.

"When I see people drunk, in this stage of my life, it gives me a trip down memory lane. But it is good to remind me of what I went through because it makes me a stronger person.

"It doesn't matter if I've been sober for 20 years or 20 minutes, you still are only an arm's length from a drink," says Jane. She says there is no promise she will stay sober for the rest of her life.

Addiction equals death

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

It is dark. The time is 2 a.m. The house is silent.

Everyone is sleeping. Suddenly you are awakened by a telphone call. You jump out of bed. The phone drops. You are in shock.

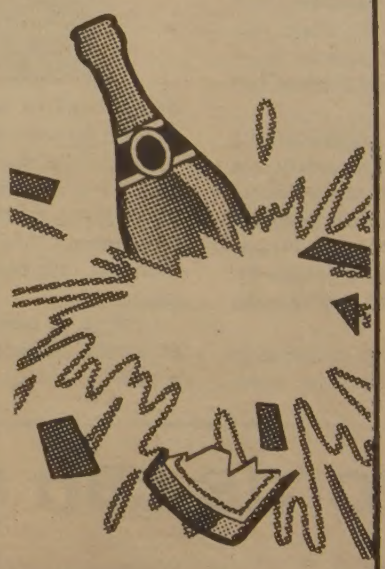
Some stranger has told you to go down to the hospital and identify your child because they have been killed in a car accident.

This accident was caused by a terrible, dreadful disease. An alcoholic has killed your child. The driver is alive and uninjured. Not a bump; not a scratch.

It is unfair and unjust that one person's good time with the bottle has killed an innocent person and caused great pain to a family who will have to live the nightmare of losing a loved one.

The pain and suffering is heartbreaking. The anger of a parent has no bounds knowing their child was suddenly taken because of someone's having "a good time."

Alcohol is supposed to be consumed for enjoyment. Go ahead, go out for a drink, but it is when the alcohol takes control and everything else becomes unimportant it is dangerous.



One life is lost within seconds. Sounds of screams; faces of terror and — silence. All that remain are sounds of sorrow.

Remember. One drink, one life, one loved one dies and the family is left with tears and memories.

Watch for our Christmas edition coming Dec. 2

Community speaks out on racism

'St. Catharines is not a racist city' McCaffery

By LESLEY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

More than 90 people gathered at the Canadian Auto Workers (C.A.W.) Hall in St. Catharines on Oct. 22, to participate in a Community Dialogue on Racism.

The six-hour forum was organized and moderated by anti-racism activist Susan Howard-Azzeh, in co-operation with the St. Catharines and District Labor Council.

She and assistant co-ordinator Johnny Roberts initiated the forum to bring the community together and facilitate discussion in response to recent racially motivated arsons in St. Catharines.

"We have to acknowledge that racism exists in St. Catharines in order to address it," said Howard-Azzeh in her opening remarks.

"My union has developed a policy of zero tolerance on racism, and we encourage the community leadership to also adopt a similar policy," said Gabe McNally, labor council president, in a written statement.

The Punjab Grocery on Queenston Street was set on fire in March, causing $46,000 in damage and endangering the lives of tenants.

"Paki go home" was spray painted on a sign in front of the store.

In August, an Ethiopian family's Rykert Street home was defaced with the words, "Negros go home" and set on fire, causing $15,000 in damage.

"Our insurance was $700 before the fire, $4,000 after," said Brock University student Amir Asif, son of the owner of Punjab Grocery. "We lost about $50,000. My father has returned to Pakistan."

Asif said more than a year before the arson, a young male entered his family's grocery, yelled "white power," and punched his father.

"The Ethiopian family has left St. Catharines. They feared for their lives," said Mary Ellen McLellan, regional co-ordinator from the Ontario Ministry of Housing.

"These incidents are under investigation," said Niagara Regional Police Chief Grant Waddell.

"St. Catharines is not a racist city," said former St. Catharines Mayor Joe McCaffery. "But I'm here to help — my office is never closed to anyone."

Collin Barrow, 16, of Fonthill, stood at the podium. "I'm racist," he said. "There are many of us. We're growing in numbers, growing in strength. We will rise."

Although he holds racist views, Barrow said he is "non-violent."

The teen's words sparked a flurry of response from the forum participants.

"We're Canadians," said Marlene Thomas-Osborne of Hamilton, gesturing to other blacks in the room, "and we're not going anywhere."

"I was waiting for a bus with my daughter," said a Niagara Falls woman who described herself as a Canadian citizen born in Eastern Europe. "A woman standing beside us began talking about immigrants, how they're taking all the jobs. I don't want my daughter to grow up in a racist country. I love Canada."

The woman handed Waddell an envelope, explaining that it contained information he should "check out."

McLellan spoke of encountering racism when she was a new Canadian enrolling in kindergarten class. "My real name is Mariella," said McLellan, "but my teacher changed it, because she thought it was too different."

"The Ontario school board has drafted and approved ethnocultural education with mandatory involvement of community groups. This will be implemented in September 1995," said Veronica Dryden, anti-racism representative from the Ontario Ministry of Education.

Howard-Azzeh asked Asif if the Niagara Regional Race Relations Council (NRRRC) had helped his family cope with their experiences of racism.

"Not that I recall," said Asif.

NRRRC Chair Jim Millington was not present at the forum, but spoke to The Niagara News over the telephone.

"The NRRRC responded in an appropriate and efficient way," said Millington. "We work with the Anti-racism Secretariat and the Human Rights Commission. All the information gets passed along to the ministry."

"I spontaneously approached the [Asif] family," said Millington. "I gave them the office phone number. Two weeks later I contacted them to see how things were going. I offered to personally help them in removing the graffiti, and invited them to work with the council. The NRRRC has no funds to rebuild houses."

"We received $35,000 from the government in January," said Millington. "Sixty per cent of that goes toward programs, the rest covers administrative and office costs. Twelve thousand dollars goes toward wages."

Millington defined the NRRRC as, "a working group of 20 to 24 volunteers" and the council's mandate as, "to move actively toward the elimination of racism through knowledge and education, not hysteria."

He said the NRRRC held public forums on Aug. 21 in St. Catharines, and on Nov. 2 at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre. Others are planned for Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m., at Wesley United Church in Welland, and Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m., at the Islamic Society Centre on Lyons Creek Road in Niagara Falls.

"Racism certainly is a monster," said Millington. "It's also like a cancer. It does spread."

The latter part of the forum presented an opportunity for small group discussion, with the final hour reserved for group presentations and suggestions for further action.

Many participants suggested there should be greater networking among community group representatives.

"We need to follow up on implementation of legislation," said Eric Blair.

"More community representation is needed on the Police Advisory Committee," said LeRoy Bell, of Niagara Falls.

"Where do victims of racism go for action?" asked Emeka Ume, "How do we concretely help these people?"

"The race relations council here has to become more action oriented," said Thomas-Osborne.

"We should form support groups for victims of racism," said Gloria Katch.

"We can all help by utilizing the media - writing letters to our city newspapers, and by talking to our elected officials," said Ron Brydges, of St. Catharines.

Howard-Azzeh said a formal document of the day's discussions will be sent to grassroots and social service organizations, school boards and federal and provincial governments.

McCaffery and Waddell, who were not present for final comments, will also receive copies of the report.

Howard-Azzeh ended the forum by thanking the invited speakers, and acknowledging the support of the labor council and C.A.W. Local 199.

"I found the day productive. A lot of good recommendations came out of it," said Howard-Azzeh. "A follow-up team will meet during the second week of December." For further information on the follow-up team, contact Howard-Azzeh at 984-6515.

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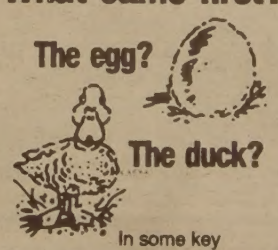

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New information centre to be located on campus

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

Each Monday the Niagara College Student Administrative Council (SAC) is organizing an Information Centre outside of the Learning Resource Centre at the Welland campus.

"The purpose of this centre is for SAC to become more accessible to the students," says Bill Andrews, SAC's vice-president of athletics.

The centre is set-up every Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. by Andrews and Jeff Poulin, SAC's vice-president of external affairs.

Andrews says the centre will have a list of upcoming SAC events and a suggestion box for student input.

"We want SAC to become more visible to students and to have input from the students who don't go to the Student Centre," says Andrews.

"The best time for students to come to the centre is when classes are changing. This centre will create awareness for SAC," says Andrews, adding this will give SAC one way to be more recognized throughout the college.

"The hours between 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. are the high point of the day that students will be passing through the different buildings," says Poulin.

SAC Executive Vice-President Jason Graham says the information centre is a wonderful, fantastic idea for more student input and involvement.

"It is important to ensure that there is a communication link between us and the students," he says.

"Student Council's purpose for the information centre was to improve communications within the student body and we also must improve communications between our satellite campuses," says Dawn Swayze, SAC's vice-president of internal affairs.

She says SAC will be meeting with other fellow council members from each campus and the student body is welcome to attend these meetings. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 1 at the Student Centre.

Swayze will be setting up the centre for one hour on Fridays also.

"The turnout was good for the first day," says Linda Shuart, SAC's vice-president social.

Whenever Shuart has time she will be sitting at the centre to help any students with concerns or problems.

"I am more than willing to help my fellow council members with any activities," she says.

SAC President Bernie Kurek says the information centre shows this year that SAC is just not sitting around.

"We are showing interest in what the students want. SAC is giving the opportunity to have the students tell us what they would like to see from us," says Kurek.

Planning for graduation

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

A new club for graduating Human Relations program students was created at the Student Administrative Council (SAC) on Oct. 28 as $250 was donated to help with the launch.

Jen Forde, a program student, presented the proposal to council.

"We want to have a graduating party for students of human relations on April 28 or a week before that," said Forde.

"All the students in the program think it is a really good idea; they've wanted it in the past," said Forde.

"We are charging students $5 for membership fees," said Forde. "We have about 87 students, to equal $435."

Forde said students were considering holding a bake sale or a Christmas party for fundraising.

"I don't think our fundraising won't start till after Christmas," he said.

Forde said she would like to see this club continue for years.

Regional bus service coming

By SUE NOBLE
Staff Writer

An alternative inter-city bus service is coming to the Niagara Region, said James Devlin, president of Trentway-Wagner.

The Ontario Highway Transport Board heard Treatway-Wagner's application at St. Catharines City Hall on Oct. 31.

Pending regulatory approval, Trentway-Wagner will soon be in a position to offer bus service links between Thorold, St. Catharines, Grimsby and Toronto.

"A growing region like Niagara needs and deserves a choice for inter-city transportation service," said Delvin.

Improved public transportation is important to meet the growing needs of students attending Brock University and Niagara College, he said.

The company hopes to begin a scheduled inter-city bus service before the end of 1994, said Don Carmichael, vice-president and spokesperson for Trentway-Wagner.

Carmichael said the bus company will operate eight weekday trips to Toronto from St. Catharines and two from Thorold with same day return service to Toronto.

Return to Toronto will cost $27.55 from St. Catharines, $19.45 from Grimsby and $29.30 from Thorold with special discounts offered for 10, 20 and 30-trip packages, he said.

Monthly passes, special fares for seniors and students will also be offered and children's fares will be half price.

Trentway-Wagner has scheduled bus services between Buffalo, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Welland, Niagara Falls and Toronto.

They operate a fleet of about 100 coaches in Ontario. Included in the new route will be three new 48-seat coaches with wheelchair lifts and wheelchair-accessible washrooms.

Instructors exchange places

By WILLIAM BECK
Staff Writer

Wes Baillie, of Gisborne, New Zealand, and Lynn Emmons, a Niagara College teacher, have been learning what academic life half a world away is like.

Baillie has been teaching mathematics and computer courses at Niagara College since January. Niagara's Emmons has taken over Baillie's courses in New Zealand.

The teacher exchange, which ends in December, was initiated by Emmons who contacted Baillie at Tairawhiti Polytechnic in Gisborne, New Zealand, where he teaches courses in mathematics and computers. Everything was privately arranged between the two, said Baillie.

The teachers have exchanged teaching duties as well as their homes and cars.

Baillie said he has enjoyed his stay at Niagara, and finds the teacher exchange to be quite rewarding.

"I wish I had known of the possibilities a few years back," said Baillie.

Baillie said he found little difference between his Canadian students and the New Zealanders. Changing teaching methods to accommodate his Niagara students was unnecessary, he said, although he found the learning standards to be slightly higher in New Zealand.

"The main difference educationally is that we have a stricter enrolment policy," said Baillie.

As in Canada, computers play a big role in education in New Zealand. Starting in elementary school and continuing to post-secondary levels, computers are making their presence felt, said Baillie. The same goes for the competitive New Zealand job market.

Baillie will be returning to Tairawhiti Polytechnic to resume his teaching responsibilities, with Emmons returning to Niagara College to do the same. Because of a lighter workload, Baillie summed up his teaching experience in Canada as, "...a very relaxing year."

Supreme sacrifice is honored

By SUE NOBLE
Staff Writer

"We will remember" echoed the shivering dozens of mourners at the Chippawa Park cenotaph on the wet morning of Nov. 6.

The blowing rain was a sad reminder to friends and families of loved ones lost to war.

The parade from Welland's Fitch Street plaza had fewer veterans marching down the hill this year.

However, they were in full force on top of the hill — the heroes of war. In miserable weather they stood straight and proud — the survivors.

"Remember all those who gave their lives...," said Rev. James Powell.

Welland MP Gib Parent, speaker of the House of Commons, spoke about Canadian soldiers living and dying in similar weather many miles from home. "We have so much to be thankful for," he said.

Claudette Therrien spoke on behalf of Welland MPP Peter Kormos. "Think of those who gave their lives."

This was a day to honor those who made the "supreme sacrifice," Therrien said.

Niagara Regional Councillor Ivy Riddell said the world was "a safer, better and more peaceful place to live" because of soldiers lost in battle. She said she hoped future generations would be touched by their legacy.

Welland Mayor Dick Reuter offered thanks and a wish to "always live in peace and freedom."

While the flags lowered to half mast, sea cadets at the four corners of the cenotaph stood at reversed arms (the honor guard for the dead).

Vic Wilcox, president of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 4, led the assembly through the legion ritual of "They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them."

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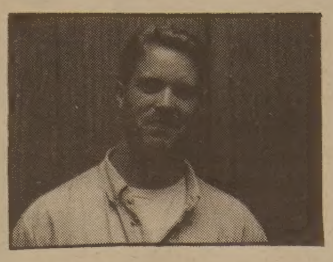
Plan could affect education costs

ICRP still in early stages



By TREVOR TWINING
Staff Writer

What is ICRP?

The Income Contingent Repayment Plan is one of the most significant issues to affect post-secondary students in Canada for the next 20 years. Despite this, little, or next to nothing, is known about it.

Analysis

ICRP came out of the social program discussions current federal Human Resources Development Minister Lloyd Axworthy had with citizens and professionals across the country.

Just over a year later, Axworthy has released what the federal Liberals are proposing to change in the country's social programs, from welfare assistance and unemployment insurance benefits to trying to bring down the costs of education. Basically, Axworthy is saying "there's no money left. How do we keep what we have?"

The changes involve tightening loose ends and the like. There will be cuts in funding. It looks as if education is going to get one of those chops according to Agenda: Jobs and Growth, Axworthy's discussion paper on social restructuring.

The paper says educational funding will be drastically changed to accommodate lifelong learning. This politically correct phrase "drastically changed" usually means getting funding cuts.

What are the alternatives?

First, the Liberals could continue with the status quo. Funding for post-secondary institutions in the form of transfer payments to the provinces would disappear within 10 years but, with education in higher demand, more likely by the end of the decade.

Second, the government could cut educational funding as part of its deficit reduction plan. Reformers and Tories would be extremely happy but the provinces would have to fend for themselves.

You know what that would mean? You and I would pay through the nose to the tune of an additional $6,000 a year, with no support program for students to accommodate the extra financial strains.

So what Axworthy has proposed is to turn the available funding into a very easy-to-access loans program. The cost of tuition will rise. But, be realistic — it's going to anyway.

The ICRP model, still in the discussion stage, will be accessible to anyone who needs it, regardless of financial status or the other considerations taken into account under the Ontario Student Assistance Plan (OSAP).

Repayment is based on your ability to pay after you've finished school. If you make less than a minimum base amount, you pay nothing until you can afford to do so. A limit on the amount of time one pays their loan may also be added. So, if you haven't repaid at the end of, say, 20 years, the rest of your loan would be forgiven.

There would be no way to avoid paying your loan if you are able to, because it would be deducted from your income tax refunds. This would greatly reduce the chances of default by deadbeat students who rob the system of valuable funds.

For more information on ICRP and its structure, there are several places you can get it.

The first is the Ministry of Human Resources Development enquiries centre: 140 Promenade du Portage, Phase IV, Level O, Hull, Que., K1A 0J9, and ask for a copy of Agenda: Jobs and Growth. It will take about three weeks to arrive.

Another source for more student-related information is the Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association. You can reach the association through the Student Administrative Council (SAC) at Niagara College.

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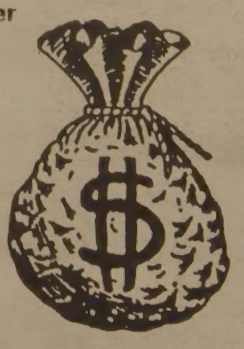

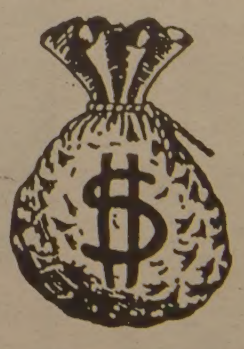

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Lest We Forget

St. Catharines honors war dead

By VICTORIA BECK
Staff Writer

More than 40 wreaths were laid Nov. 11 in St. Catharines in honor of Canada's war dead.

About 300 people came to the memorial at the St. Catharines Cenotaph in memory of the fallen soldiers of past wars.

In his speech, St. Catharines Mayor Joe McCaffery said the soldiers didn't fight for medals but for the beautiful country of Canada and for great things so children and grandchildren could have those same great things.

"They sacrificed their lives fighting to protect our country," he said.

McCaffery ended his speech by saying he hopes the veterans "rest in peace."

The St. Catharines Collegiate Chorus sang *In Flanders Fields* before the presenting of the wreaths.

Jack Barrett, 72, of St. Catharines, said it would be better not to have wars, but for the people who died you have to remember.

Barrett, who said he was in the Navy from 1942 to 1945, lost a cousin who was in the army.

Barrett said he was lucky he wasn't injured because he was involved in D-Day and in France and Italy.

Although Barrett said he thought young people have respect for what soldiers went through, Lloyd Evans, 74, said they don't have and it should be "pounded into their heads."

Evans was in the Royal Canadian Armed Forces artillery from 1939 to 1945.

Jack Gill, 77, who was also in the artillery from '39 to '45, said Remembrance Day should "never be done away with." He said lots of Canadians were joining the armed forces until the end of the war.

McCaffery, 67, said "it [the speech] was very hard to do because it's for the last time and it came from the heart." McCaffery has been making the speeches for the event for the past nine years as mayor. He did not run for re-election on Nov. 14.

He said he enjoyed doing functions for the city, but it was "time to come to the end and to smell the roses."

McCaffery said he will keep himself busy during his retirement, working with veterans and children's associations.

A Royal Canadian Sea Cadet stands at reversed arms (honor guard to the dead) as Hazel Beauchamp, first vice-president of the Royal Canadian Legion Auxillary Branch 4, lays a wreath at the base of Chippawa Park's cenotaph.

Photo by Sue Noble

A bagpiper appeared for the Remembrance Day ceremonies in Niagara-on-the-Lake to play the melancholy Lament. MP Gary Pilliteri, Niagara Regional Councillor Harold Clement and Niagara-on-the-Lake Lord Mayor Mike Dietsch were also in attendance.

Photo by Michael Greves

Dozens of people marched in the blowing rains from Welland's Fitch Street Plaza to the Chippawa Park cenotaph Remembrance Day service on Nov. 6.

Photo by Sue Noble

Two old friends chat after services outside Branch 4 of the Royal Canadian Legion in Welland.

Photo by Mark Brouwer

We Will Remember

By TAMMY CROCKER
Staff Writer

One day of the year we pause to remember our war veterans and those serving in the Royal Canadian Armed Forces.

The ceremony at the Royal Canadian Legion and Ladies Auxiliary, Branch 4, on Morningstar Avenue in Welland, began with the forming of the parade beside the Legion.

A crisp breeze tousled the hair of those uniformed men. Some stood silently, while others chatted amicably with each other. An 82-year-old man sat alone by the Legion wall in his wheelchair, a small Canadian flag tucked in the back of his seat. He had a tear in his eye.

"We come together today to primarily remember those who risked their lives," said Rev. Jim Powell, the Legion padre. Today was also the day to remember those who died, those who lived, those who no longer are with us.

The Branch 4 President Vic Wilcox introduced the March on Colors. The clicking of polished boots could be heard on the pavement as the march lined up before six crosses on the lawn, which bore the sentence Lest We Forget. The Scottish bagpipes played melodically, sending shivers down the spines of the spectators.

"We will remember them," Wilcox said, admiration in his voice.

Wilcox and Gloria Tessier, president of the Ladies Auxiliary, laid wreaths on the ground.

Schools that also laid wreaths were: St. Mary's, Mathew's school, St. Joseph's and Father Forgerty.

The Royal Canadian Air Force 434 Squadron, Bellerphon Bugle Band, Royal Canadian Navy Association and the Lincoln and Welland Regiment laid wreaths as well.

The ceremony ended with the dismissal of the parade and the children who laid the wreaths scrambled into the building to have a soda.

For another year, Remembrance Day is over. Next year, fewer veterans will attend. But we will never forget.

NDP addresses accomplishments and failures

By DAWN SWAYZE
Staff Writer

The Ontario government has taken more than its fair share of criticism, said former labor minister Bob Mackenzie. However, on Nov. 1 the public had the opportunity to add to the list of complaints.

At the meeting, attended by about 70 people, and sponsored by the St. Catharines District Labor Council, Mackenzie addressed the accomplishments and failures of the provincial New Democratic Party (NDP) government. This was one of Mackenzie's first public appearances since his retirement a week prior for health reasons. Mackenzie was replaced by Niagara South MPP Shirley Coppen, who was also in attendance at the CAW Hall in St. Catharines.

The former Ontario minister of labor Bob Mackenzie spoke at the CAW Hall in St. Catharines to New Democratic Party (NDP) supporters.

Photo by Elizabeth Monsere

'Our government is proud of its record . . . and we will take it to the people in '96,' Bob Mackenzie

Mackenzie said one of the government's biggest failures has been in "selling what we've done."

The NDP's commitment to preserving services, investing in jobs and controlling spending to reduce the deficit ("the plan") is working, said Mackenzie. He added the government's priority is "jobs and economic recovery."

Low federal transfer payments, in addition to increasing costs for health care, welfare and government employees' salaries have nearly wiped out Ontario's credit rating, Mackenzie said.

"I supported it (the social contract) because I did not know a better or fairer way to hurt fewer people or make fewer people lose their jobs."

Ontario is in the midst of "economic restructuring" and the Opposition's claim everything will return to normal after their return to power is far more complicated than they let on, he added.

"Our government is proud of its record . . . and we will take it to the people in '96."

Crime Stoppers' tips

The changing seasons and longer hours of darkness provide opportunities for criminals. Night time doesn't have to be dangerous if people take precautions. Don't make yourself a victim of crime.

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Criminals prey on victims at night in an attempt to reduce their risk of being caught.

To minimize your chance of becoming a crime victim, stay in well lit areas and whenever possible, walk with a friend. Walk confidently at a steady pace and keep close to the curb. Avoid doorways, bushes and alleyways since they are hiding places for would-be criminals.

At home, people should assure doors and windows are locked and exterior lights turned on at night. Automatic timers should also be used to turn on lights and a radio to give the house a "lived in look" at all times.

Strangers should not be allowed into your home and proper identification requested from service people. You can't be too cautious.

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The Niagara Regional Police in co-operation with Crime Stoppers Niagara Inc. writes this column to help combat crime. A citizen board administers the local program. Reward money is raised through tax-deductible donations. Cheques may be sent to Crime Stoppers of Niagara Inc., P.O. Box 1086, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 7A3.

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SPORTS

Even in loss, Knights learn key lesson

By JOHN SAVOIE
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights' hockey team learned some key lessons when they lost 7-2 against the Seneca College Braves Nov. 12.

"Our first two games we played are documented, we didn't play well. There was a poor team effort on the whole," said coach Jim Beattie.

"Guys went out shift after shift and we had a more consistent effort than what we had in the past," he said.

The first period had the Knights tying Seneca at 1-1 with a goal by Mike Tasker, assisted by James Reekie.

Seneca opened up the second period with a 4-2 lead. Matt Fuhrmann, assisted by Dave Crane and Jason Brazeau, scored for Niagara.

"We had them rattled there for awhile," said Beattie. "In the second period they seemed to have a hard time handling our forechecking."

Niagara couldn't get things together while on a five minute powerplay.

"We needed a quick goal on the powerplay," said left winger Mike Matier, a third-year Broadcasting student.

Seneca scored three unanswered goals in the third period.

Niagara was shortstaffed with three regular defensive players and an offensive player who was brought back.

"We ran out of steam in the third period," said Beattie. "The four guys did a good job."

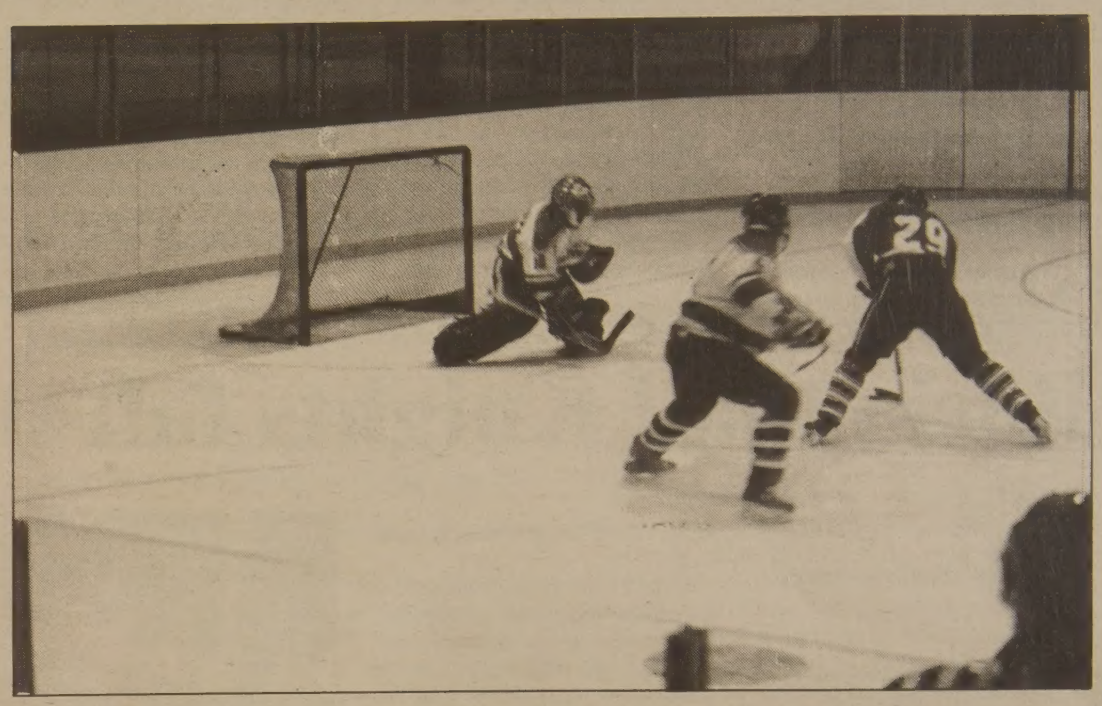
"The guys are working hard in practice," said Beattie. "We're progressing and heading in a positive direction."

"They have nothing to worry about," he added. "They did a good job."

"Our team played well," said Matier. "We let them know we aren't going to get pushed around."

"We only have seven returning players and a lot of the guys don't really know each other yet," said Matier. "Everyone works hard and the hard work will pay off."

The Knights's next game is tomorrow at the Welland Arena, against Sir Sandford Fleming of Peterborough at 8 p.m.



Mike Tasker, #29, rips through the defence and releases a bullet for the Knights.
Photo by John Savoie

Volleyball Knights rally to win

By CRAIG MORRISON
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights were ungracious hosts against the Humber Hawks, winning the best three-out-of-five contest in men's college volleyball on Nov. 12.

Niagara lost the first set 15-5. In the second, the Knights made many mistakes, costing them the set 15-11.

The Hawks had an advantage over the Knights, needing to win one set more for the game. The Knights were placed in a must win situation where they had to take the next three sets to win the game.

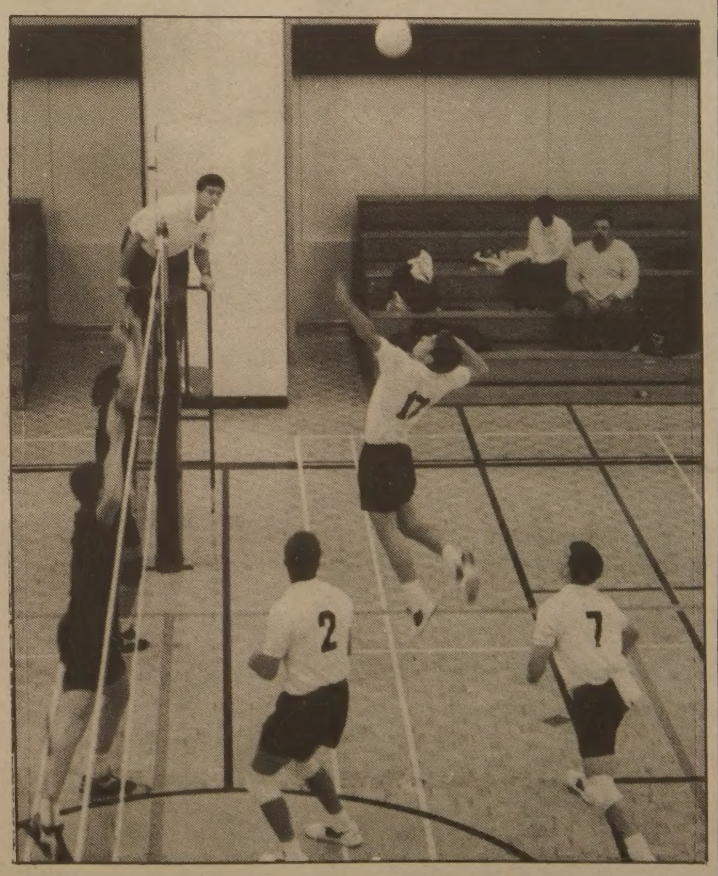
The third set proved to be the turning point, with Niagara winning 15-10.

The fourth set for the Knights proved to be much better. The game was close as point after point was exchanged, but the Knights managed to beat the Hawks 15-12 and tie the game at two wins each.

The last set was the clincher for Niagara. The Knights won 15-11.

Niagara's fifth game — and third win — allowed them to win the best-of-five 3-2.

Niagara's men's volleyball team returns to play tonight as they are hosts to Canadore College from North Bay at 8:30 p.m. in the gym.



Franz Schuster, #17, goes way up for a spike as teammates Greg Heyder, #2, and Drew Clements, #7, look on. The Niagara Knights beat the Humber Hawks in a five-game tournament 3-2.
Photo by Craig Morrison

Lady Knights off and running

By DAVE CRANE
Staff Writer

The Niagara College women's basketball team was off and running en route to their first regular season win.

The Knights taught the visiting St. Lawerence Vikings a quick lesson on the fast break and sailed comfortably to a 62-44 final in their home opener on Nov. 11.

Coach Todd Stevens was all smiles after the game. "We had no stars tonight. Everyone worked hard," said Stevens.

"We were able to play large pieces of tonight's game at the tempo we wanted to play," said Stevens. He added the team must improve its conditioning to be able to play the whole game at a fast tempo.

The game was never close as the Knights jumped out to an early 10-2 lead. Point guard Kelly Smith was effective in pushing the ball up court. The Vikings weren't able to adjust to the Knights' quickness.

The Knights spread the scoring out with six players finding the scoresheet. Shelley Doncaster led the club with 17 points, Diana DiPietro 15, and Shelley Holden and Smith each chipping in with 9.

DiPietro, 19, a first-year student at Niagara, said "this (win) feels great!" and she is optimistic about the future the Knights can have.

Diana DiPietro, #44, tips off the regular season for the lady Knights.
Photo by Dave Crane

"We need to use our team speed. If we do, we can play with anyone in this league."

The Knights will put their undefeated regular season record on the line next Wednesday, Nov. 23 in Toronto at George Brown College.

Hotter than ever

Knights ranked No. 9 in Canada

By HEATH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Niagara College men's volleyball is nationally ranked.

The Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) has ranked the Niagara Knights men's volleyball team ninth in the country.

The rankings are based on serving aces (unreturned), kills (spikes) each game and the number of blocks each game.

The Knights are led by John Lierman and his division leading 6.3 kills a game.

Niagara is one of three teams in the rankings from Ontario. The Cambrian Golden Shields from Sudbury are ranked No. 6 and are in the same division as the Knights.

The No. 1 men's volleyball school in the nation is Mount Royal Cougars from Alberta.

The Knights owe their ranking to a strong start and by easily beating the defending champs Sheridan College from Oakville earlier this year.

Sheridan has won six straight OCAA titles.

Niagara coach Ray Sarkis said he expects his team to do well in the rankings if they "continue to play as a team.

"The turning point will be when we play Cambrian on Dec. 3," he said.

Niagara is in the top 10 for the first time in the school's history.

Beamsville star brings offence

Knaap hopes for good year on court

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

Here comes Adriaan Knaap up the middle — oh my! — slam dunk!

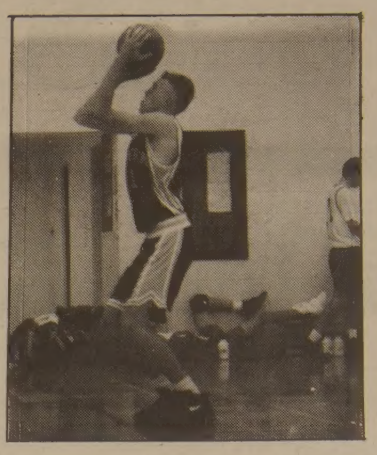
Knaap, 19, from Beamsville, Ont., a first-year Law and Security Administration program student, is a starter for Niagara College's men's basketball team.

Knapp is a good offensive player.

His strengths are layups, 10-foot shots and slam dunks.

His weakness is rebounding.

"Adriaan has adapted well to the college game. Offensively, he's playing really well. Adriaan needs to work a little more on his toughness on the defensive end," said Randy Conlon, head coach of the men's basketball team.



Knights men's basketball forward Adriaan Knaap is about to take a foul shot against Redemeer College.
Photo by Michael Mucaki

"I think I bring both good defence and good offence to the team," said Knaap.

"This year I think we should have a winning record.

"As soon as we get used to each other, I think we should be able to upset a top team."

On the team he says he looks up to Frank Keltos and Mike Hurley.

His idol is Dominique Wilkins, now with the Boston Celtics.

He was inspired to play basketball by his brother Willem Knaap.

He started playing basketball when he was in Grade 7.

His hobbies include watching auto racing and playing basketball.

His favorite food is pizza.

When Knaap graduates, he plans to work as a police officer or a customs officer.

Basketball Knights fall short to NCCC

Turnovers hurt Knights

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

Both Mike Hurley and Adriaan Knaap had 21 points, but it wasn't enough as Niagara County Community College Trailblazers (NCCC) from Niagara Falls, N.Y., defeated Niagara College 82-76 in exhibition play on Nov. 11.

Niagara College led 52-46 with 12 minutes left to play. Three straight turnovers in their own zone helped start a Trailblazers comeback.

Other scorers for the Knights were Derek Flindall with 13 points, Frank Keltos with 11, Sergio Vercesi with eight, and Dave Moukperian with two.

Flindall also had 12 rebounds and four steals.

"That's our first bad game," said Randy Conlon, Niagara's head coach. "I'm not pleased with the way we played. I'm not pleased we lost, but we only have one starter (Keltos) with experience. I know that's no excuse for the way we played, but experience goes a long way at this level."

"We made some lousy plays and we turned the ball over too many times," Hurley said.

"We'd like to play this team again," said Hurley. "We could beat them."

"I didn't play great," said Keltos, a Niagara College player. "The slander from the article bothered me."

Keltos was referring to an article published Nov. 10 in the St. Catharines Standard.

He said the article complimented his heart and dedication to the team, but he said the article also said he cannot shoot, pass or dribble, which he said is not true.

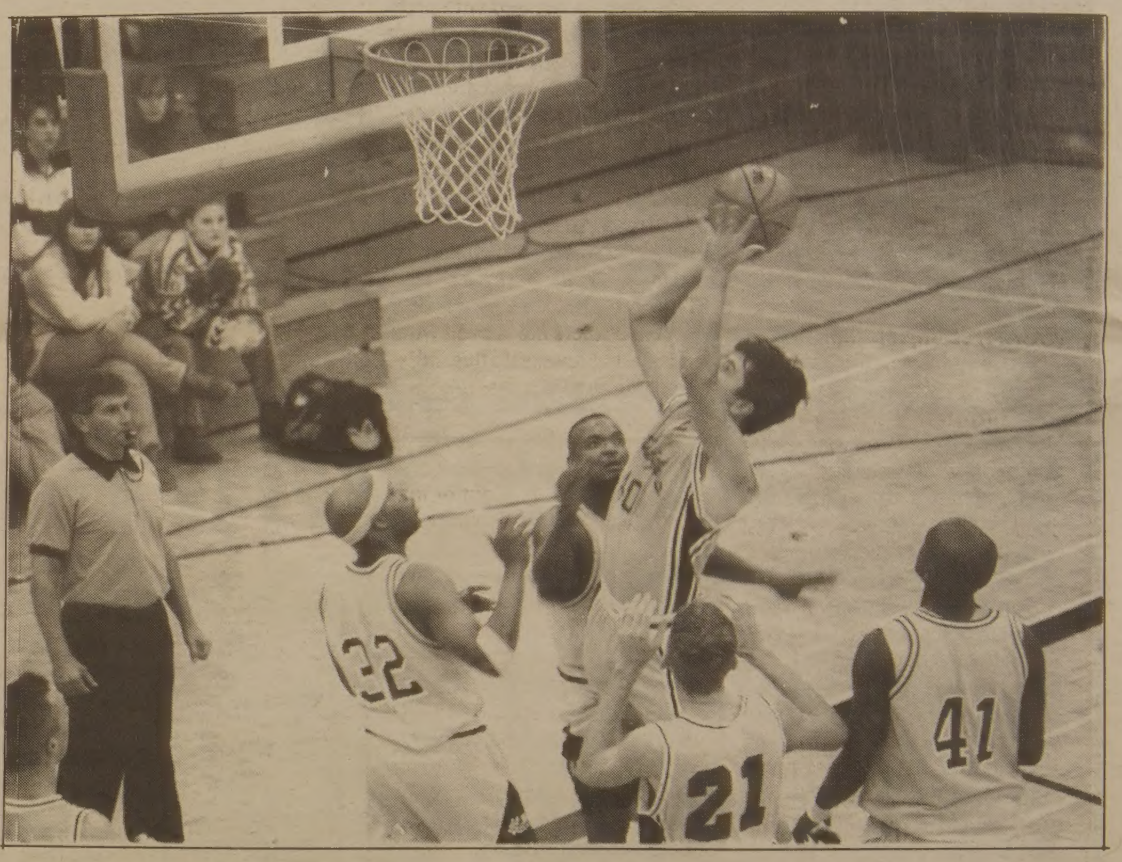
"People who read the article are going to get the wrong idea of Frank," said Conlon. "Keltos is a very important part of our team and he makes a big difference when he plays."

The Knights played three days earlier against Welland Poits and defeated them 95-82. Vercesi led the way with 19 points and Hurley had 17.

The Knights are 5-3 in pre-season and continue their exhibition schedule, when they play Genessee Community College from Batuvia, N.Y., tonight and play George Brown College in Toronto on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

The Knights home opener is against St. Clair College from Windsor on Friday, Nov. 25, at 8:30 p.m.

Note: John Nicholson and assistant coach Merv Wrighton were suspended indefinitely by coach Conlon for an incident during the game on Tuesday, Nov. 8.



Niagara's Frank Keltos, #40, goes up for a shot in an exhibition game against NCCC. The Knights lost 82-76.
Photo by Michael Mucaki

Badminton tryouts

Coach looking for women to play

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

Badminton coach Dave Carpenter is looking for females for Niagara College's badminton team.

"As long as they've got the athleticism and the desire to play. It would be a good learning experience.

"They are welcome to show up at practice and we can supply them with the racquet," said Carpenter.

Practises are on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. at the gym.

Giveaways at Niagara games

Pizzas, subs, chips and much more

Admission is free at all Niagara athletic games

By SHELLEY HOLDEN
Staff Writer

Win free pizzas, subs, chips and T-shirts and enjoy a chance to see some good entertainment at the same time.

Ray Sarkis, Niagara College's athletic technician and men's volleyball coach, is working with sponsors from Subway, Pizza Hut and Frito Lay to promote support and interest in the college's athletic teams.

"We have things to give away and we need students' support," said Sarkis. "It is a chance to win something and enjoy yourself at the same time."

When watching a Niagara game, you'll have the opportunity to sign your name on a ballot to be drawn at halftime or between games. At halftime, you might have a chance to participate in a shootout to win prizes.

Admission is free at all Niagara athletic games.

Sarkis is in the process of finding more sponsors and is "surprised" at the response from some of the companies. He has many ideas and said he feels this is "very important" for the college.

Suggestions or ideas are welcome. Contact Sarkis in the athletic department at Ext. 7583 or attend any of the Niagara games.

Weight training the best form of exercise

By JOHN SAKARS
Staff Writer

For students who say they don't have enough time to exercise, weight training is probably the most efficient form of exercise.

Thirty to 45 minutes of training, three days a week, is all that is required to transform your physique.

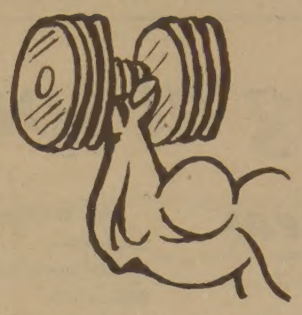
Sure, weight training hurts, but anything worth having takes effort to achieve. Immediate gratification must sometimes be sacrificed for the betterment of your future. "No pain, no gain."

The discipline that can be learned from weight training can be carried over to your studies, and vice versa. You'll develop a better understanding of the correlation between effort and achievement, and gain confidence in your ability to accomplish what you put your mind to.

As your physique changes and your strength levels increase, you'll feel more in control of your life, and less a victim of circumstances.

With weight training, it's not the volume of work, but the intensity with which you train that builds muscle.

Current trends in weight training are to exercise only three or



four days a week, working only one or two body parts per session. Therefore, each muscle group gets one week of rest, which is necessary for complete recovery.

You'll want to perform two or three basic exercises per muscle group, for one or two work sets of about six to eight repetitions, after a sufficient number of warm-up sets.

It's important to limit the number of sets that you do, as it's easy to overtrain, which will limit your progress.

There are several books and magazines on exercise, through which you can learn about proper exercise technique. You'll want to maintain optimum form to remain injury free.

Nutrition and rest will also be key factors in your success. It's better to eat smaller, more frequent portions, than three large meals, as your body can only utilize so much protein in one sitting, and will need a steady supply of nutrients to grow. You'll also need about eight hours of sleep every night.

Your student card entitles you to use the Niagara College weight room in the Mackenzie Building, when it's not being used by a class, and most gyms will give a discount to students.

Before you begin any exercise program, make sure you get your doctor's consent, and the advice of a reputable trainer.

Team looks good

This may be the year for men's basketball

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

Covering the men's basketball team this term has made me believe this might be the year.

In my opinion they have the chemistry to win the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) championship.

The only thing left is to learn how to work with each other and improve their shots. Nevertheless, they are one team to reckon with, with such stars as Mike Hurley, co-captain, and Frank Keltos, co-captain, who each give great leadership and awesome two-way games.

Adriaan Knaap is an electrifing young player who is a pleasant sight to watch - and look out for his dunks.

Derek Flindall and Sergio Vercasi are two men who play outstanding defensive games every night and are able to electrify the crowd with their offensive talents.

Does this team have depth? Like coach Randy Conlon once said, everybody on this team is good enough to start.

The team is blessed with such players as Dave Moukperian, who uses his size well on the court, and John Nicholson, who reads defences very well.

Brian Fowler is very capable of shooting long-range shots — especially when he is hot.

Adrian Golombek, Scott Peters, Jamie Paris, Steve Huisman, John Wark and Jeff Bohler are also excellent players.

What bothers me is even with such a good team like this, only about 50 spectators attend the game.

Where's our school spirit?

There's just got to be more sports fans than that, out of the 5,000 students attending the college.

If you don't like men's basketball, we've got other sports that you might be interested in — like hockey, volleyball and women's basketball.

Did I mention it's free? Forget about getting drunk and spending hundreds of dollars on booze. Get up from that couch in front of the television set and cheer for our Niagara College teams.

Learning to protect yourself

By HEATH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

There are no short cuts to self defence, said John Tirone.

If you expect to learn self-defence overnight you are wrong, he said.

Tirone, 18, a first-year Law and Security Administration program student, has a brown belt in karate and is teaching classes at Niagara College twice a week.

The classses are open to anyone who wants to learn self defence.

"It takes a lot of dedication and discipline," said Tirone. The entire program is paid for by the Student Administrative Council (SAC). There is no cost to students.

Tirone learned karate from Joe Fournier's Karate and has been studying for eight years.

"I think there is a large demand for classes," said Tirone.

The classes will cover conditioning, rape prevention and self-defence. Tirone said the classes will be educational and will not tolerate an aggressive nature from any of the students. That is not the point of karate, he said. "It's not so you can go and beat someone up."

"All ranks will be earned," said Tirone, "If further training is required, the club is available,"

Students will be taught a kata, a source of movements that allow students to visualize all movements. "There will be no [physical] contact," said Tirone. "Students should always be in control so no one gets hurt."

The classes will be taught "with compassion and respect for every student," he said. Tirone said he wants to open the world of karate to people and to make it a way of life.

"Karate is great exercise," said Tirone. "It's a lifetime commitment and will help years down the road.

"If you are not sure if you will like it, come out and watch and then decide," said Tirone.

Classes run Mondays from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Mackenzie Building's weightroom and on Thursdays from 12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. in M11 at the Welland campus.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Mobilyzer looking at spring '95 release

Mobilyzer hopes to tour overseas

By LESLEY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

"Our life revolves around music," says rhythm guitarist Zeek Ceko, 31, of his five-piece band Mobilyzer.

Niagara-based Mobilyzer have been playing professionally for 3 1/2 years. In 1992, they recorded an independent EP, *Destination Unknown*.

The song *Go West* was used in a radio commercial for Thorold's Front 54 nightclub, and appears on the compilation CD, *Niagara's Best Rock*. This album may be heard over the jukebox in After Hours.

Mobilyzer are at work on a new full-length CD, *Tragedy*, engineered by Mobilyzer and Rob Deacon at Prodigy Audio Resources.

Ceko, a second-year Niagara College Visual Arts program student, not only has album cover art for *Niagara's Best Rock* and *Tragedy* to his credit, but also designed and built Deacon's recording studio.

"*Tragedy*'s title track is about kids growing up — everyone having to be tough, everyday life in New York City," says Ceko, a native of Brooklyn. "We've been in the studio since August. We're looking at a March or April release."

Bassist Laurie Green, 23, travelled to Los Angeles in September for a music industry conference. "Unfortunately, the U.S. market is hard to break into," says Ceko. "We'd like to tour overseas first. One of our songs, *Nobody's Perfect*, is getting airplay in Germany and Japan."

During the summer of 1993, the band, then known as Wind of Change — a tribute to the Scorpions — toured in Quebec and Ontario.

"We played to a packed room at just about every show," says Ceko.

Lead guitarist Mark Lachelt, 25, a third-year Brock University Business Administration program student, achieved second place standing in a U.S.-wide "guitar wars" competition held earlier this year in Washington, D.C. "Mark has won 25 awards for guitar playing," says Ceko.

Vocalist Gary Warren, a first-year Niagara College Computer Engineering program student, was the original singer in St. Catharines' Sinister Morale.

Dwayne Roseborough, Mobilyzer's drummer, has been playing for 14 years. Ceko has 11 years experience, Green and Lachelt have been performing for eight years, and Warren has been singing professionally for seven years.

"We've been influenced by hard rock and metal, but we appreciate many different styles of music," says Ceko.

These seasoned musicians write songs as a group. "Equal credit for everyone," he says.

Mobilyzer will perform on Friday, Nov. 25 at The Hideaway in St. Catharines, Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Doghouse in Fort Erie, and Saturday, Dec. 17 at Rocktown in Welland.

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Junior Brown destined for the garbage bin

By SUE NOBLE
Staff Writer

Junior Brown's main claim to fame appears to be his combining a six-string electric and steel guitar into a single instrument.

While the artistic talent on this album is, for the most part, competent, the uniqueness necessary to separate it from the rest of the "wanna be" country artists is desperately lacking.

Highway Patrol is a lively song but, seems to have a strong Duane Eddy influence, conjuring up images of fast cars, sirens and high-speed chases.

The stinker that's destined to ruin any party it's played at is *Party Lights*. Avoid this lackluster mutt at all times.

Names and Addresses is a country swing tune sounding quite like a George Strait tune. The song is well suited to Junior's voice. It has a few interesting lyrics and is probably the best number on the disk.

***Still Life With Rose*, (Leroy Van Dyke lives), seems to steal its musical style from anywhere and everywhere, but this bit of musical larceny represents country at its raunchiest.**

***Sad Song* is an instrumental rag. Brown isn't exactly Bruce Langhorne, but there is some fairly competent picking on this cut. The musicians wander off track in a couple of places and manage to sound like Rare Earth for a few moments and finish** by stealing a few bars of the Jimi Hendrix classic, *The Wind Cries Mary*.

My Wife Thinks You're Dead is an interesting number filled with humorous lyrics and Ernest Tubb-like vocals. The song has a real 40s feel to it and the instrumental backing is augmented by the presence of Jimmy Vaughn, (formally of The Fabulous Thunderbirds).

Guit-Steel Blues. "Git" is right. Long-winded, worn-out blues riffs with Brown failing to demonstrate any genuine chops. Eleven minutes of this drudgery is pure hell.

Brown must develop his own style or be destined for the bargain bins of the record world. This disk comes across as poorly written, with low to mid-level session musicians backing the principal. Brown might have paid his dues, but it just doesn't come across in his music.

Free movies at Niagara

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

It's movie time!

Every Tuesday and Thursday Niagara College's Student Administrative Council (SAC) offers movies at 12:30 p.m. at the Welland campus Hamilton Room.

Dawn Swayze, SAC's vice-president of internal affairs, said they will run the best new releases as well as great classics.

"I hope with the advertising in the Niagara News that we will draw in more students," said Swayze.

Richert Tobias, 19, a second-year Business Administration program student, says he attends the movies as often as he can. "It is good to pass time while you wait for class."

Guy Nadeau, 18, a second-year Business Administration program student, says it is good they offer this for the students. "It kills the time and they play good movies now and then."

"When they played *Basic Instinct* and *Sliver* it was packed," added Nadeau. "You save money because you don't have to rent it."

Chris Fraracci, 18, of Welland, a first-year Broadcasting, Radio, Television and Film program student, said he attends the movies often. "I like it because they have recent releases and it saves me from renting it. There is nothing better to do to pass the time."

Sally Hart, 24, of Dunnville, a part-time student at the college, said one of her favorite movies was *The Prince of Tides*.

"The movie selections they have are good. It is a good way to pass the time," Hart said.

John Sakars, 24, of Niagara Falls, a second-year Journalism-Print program student, said he attends the movies on a regular basis. "They pick good movies to play. I enjoy going to them because they are free."

"Last year they had popular movies like *The Fugitive* and *Judgement Night*," he added. "I will be going to most Tuesday movies if they are playing a good one."

Brock does 'The Killing Game'

By MICHAEL GREVES
Staff Writer

The subject matter — death — is quite disturbing on the surface. But Peter Feldman's direction of *The Killing Game* , by Eugene Ionesco, gives death a more comical twist in the Brock University production.

"The author has pushed the script to satire or dark comedy - maybe I've taken it a step further," Feldman said.

Feldman, a theatre professor at Brock, said he chooses plays according to three criteria: casting, importance and scope.

Ionesco's script, considered a part of several genres, has been overlooked for large-scale productions because it isn't part of the popular culture.

For Brock's staging, a backdrop depicting a busy European street with oversized faces covering it is the main focus; many other settings changed during the show.

Alhough the author specifies the time and location for the play, the subject matter allows for application to any time period. For the Brock show, Feldman hasn't kept to any particular period.

In the scenes this reporter watched, the actors were in complete control of the stage. Their characters are strong and comical, yet human despite being based on a classroom technique of a clown.

"One of my students . . . thought the clownish (aspect) made it more horrible," Feldman said.

The Killing Game is playing in the Thistle Theatre Nov. 18 and 19 at 8 p.m.

The cast includes: Shelly Chagon, Leslie Cook, John Datseris, Laurie Ewart, Brendan Fletcher, Andy Herrington, Melani Hollingworth, Peter Jull, Doug Ironside, Quinn Matthews, Erin McKay, Christine Stephens and Halie Vogel. Set is designed by Jennifer Cooke (Montreal), lighting designed by Ken Garrett (staff), with assistance from and operated by Cara Douglas, sound co-ordinator and operation is by Shawn Lord, stage manager is Amy Jewel, assistant stage manager is Bethany Bleilie. Costumes and set were constructed by theatre department students.

Teenage Head rocks Halloween Bash

Venom 'poisons' crowd at Hideaway

By BRYAN BERNAT
Staff Writer

Snake-skin boots. How many people remember Frankie Venom in his heyday?

Little has changed since the early 1980s when Teenage Head was one of the hippest punk rock acts in the the region. The band just got a little older and none the wiser.

Venom, Steve Marshall and Gordie Lewis reunited and played a rocking gig at the Hideaway's Halloween Bash Oct. 29 in the Linwell Plaza in St. Catharines. Nick Stipanitz, Teenage Head's old drummer, is the only missing member from the original lineup.

Local opening band, the Four Dead Men warmed up the crowd of about 300 people.

This was their first licensed show at the Hideaway in over a year. Fortunately, all the old magic that they had 15 years ago was there as they kicked out the old favorites like *Disgusteen, Let's Shake* and *Teenage Beer Drinking Party*.

Lead singer/rhythm guitarist Venom occupied much of his stage time trying to pick up a nubile young lady in front of the stage. His pre-occupation with the young lass amused the audience as he gestured obscenely with a microphone stand. Even though he tried in vain to capture her attention, he still had enough sense not to hold up the set.

He only slowed down the set when he was compelled to pick on Gumbi. Yes, Gumbi. Our plasticine hero was dancing like a crazed fool when Venom pulled him/it on stage to dance and made more than one derogatory remark about his frequency of sexual encounters.

Four Dead Men that sing, old rock n' roll singers trying to pick up chicks and little green men who never "get any". Who says Halloween's for kids?

Frankie Venom of Teenage Head shows the crowd at the Hideaway what "Some Kinda Fun" really is.

Photo by Bryan Bernat

'Stargate' big disappointment

By TAMMY CROCKER
Staff Writer

I decided about half an hour into the movie Stargate that I probably should have stayed at home pulling out each strand of hair on my head — one by one. The pain would have been easier to take.

Stargate, starring Kurt Russel and a supporting (?) cast of way too many others, began a little like an Indiana Jones flick.

A ring (stone, with hieroglyphics carved into it) was found in the 1920s. Present day, poor, just lost his apartment Daniel Jackson, a Egyptologist/Linguist, was asked to translate the last hieroglyphic. Enter Colonel O'Neil (Russel), a disgruntled military-man. Enter a few more disgruntled people (most of whom have no names). We are now 45 minutes into the movie (still no plot, really).

Blah, blah, blah everybody's sucked into the Stargate and thrust into another universe.

Blah, blah, blah Jackson and O'Neil meet these people who speak a different language, can't read and can't write (I'm totally lost here). Now another 15 minutes goes by without much more than a few funny jokes between cast members because nobody knows what the other is saying!

Blah, blah, blah a big, kinda funny looking monster begins to beat up on a military guy.

The kid sitting in front of me picking his nose was worth more of the $4 I payed to get in the movie itself (not including the $5 forked out for popcorn).

To make a long story short, I left. I had to go to the bathroom and I never found my way back to the theatre. All I missed was this creature, Ra, head honcho over those people who couldn't read or write, who got upset with Jackson and his group and fought them. Predictably, Jackson got the girl, stayed in time-warp USA and the good guys won. The End.

Unless this is the first movie you've ever seen in your entire life, stay home and bang your head against the wall. At least you're covered by OHIP!

Mobilyzer, standing from left are Dwayne Roseborough, Laurie Green, Gary Warren, and Zeek Ceko. Seated is Mark Lachelt.

Photo contributed

'Frankenstein' overdone

By MIKE MICHAUD
Staff Writer

Since the birth of Hollywood and the silver screen, "Frankenstein" has been a staple of the monster movie genre. Movie fans have been inundated with countless stories about the monster created from corpses and brought to life by a madman.

The latest version of this frightening tale of gothic horror happens to be taken directly from the original version.

"Mary Shelley's Frankenstein" stars Kenneth Branagh as Dr. Victor Frankenstein — a man obsessed with cheating death since his mother died during childbirth.

Robert DeNiro plays Frankenstein's creation bringing a life to the monster not seen in other versions.

This Frankenstein is not the mindless killing machine we have been shown before. He is intelligent, emotional and kind. This comes as a shock. The over-acting done by DeNiro gave Dr. Frankenstein's "animant" a personality barely believable.

I can accept the writer's reasoning that because the monster had the brain of a brilliant scientist, he would possess some intelligence. But I find it difficult to believe something thrown together from dead material would have the ability to devise a plan to blackmail his creator. Learning to play the flute also seemed far-fetched.

Branagh does a great job playing the mad doctor, who puts his work ahead of everything — even love. His sad life makes the viewer feel sorry for him and his monster.

The main problem with "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein" is that it seems overdone. The makers of this film went all out to make the story better, but it didn't work. The basic storyline of the movie was incredible, but the big budget props and scenery of the film diminish its impact.

All in all, I really liked this movie, but to anyone who hasn't seen it yet, I'd advise waiting until it comes out on video.

Barenaked Ladies jazz it up

By ERIN JONES
Staff Writer

The Toronto-based Barenaked Ladies have released their new CD, *Maybe You Should Drive.*

Maybe You Should Drive is one of their best albums yet. The style is a little bit jazzier than their previous albums. It has a strong rhythmic beat and a fresh acoustic sound.

It is full of humorous, cynical lyrics, powerful vocal harmonies and catchy melodies. You not only find yourself singing along, but you end up laughing along as well.

Check out the track *These Apples* which features the refrain: "I'm not trying to sing a love song-I'm trying to sing in tune."

Songs like *Jane* and *Alternative Girlfriend* are getting a lot of deserved radio play, but the cuts *A, Everything Old Is New Again* and *Life In A Nutshell* , deserve our attention too.

My favorite song on this CD is *Little Tiny Song* a cut about the evils of eating meat, proving that bigger isn't neccessarily better.

The only downfall of this CD is the lack of variation from song to song.

I'd like to see something a little more experimental from the Barenaked Ladies. I guess they figure they have a winning formula so why mess with it.

Davis chills out

By BRYAN BERNAT
Staff Writer

Amid the smokey haze in a dark bar deep beneath the downtown core, Alun Miles Davis passively drags on the end of a cigarette before hopping up on stage to introduce a poet and friend of his, Don Crossley.

Davis, 23, organized his third open mic session at The Club in downtown St. Catharines on Nov 6. His two previous venues were at the Blue Moon, also in downtown St. Catharines.

Davis, a first-year Human Relations student from Niagara College in Welland, said he spent three months organizing the session that celebrates free thinking and expression. The shows give people the opportunity to do what they want, he said.

The red crushed velvet curtains and Davis's Age of Time backdrop added to the atmosphere as a diverse mix of people listened to music, poetry and stories that keenly mix "the freedom of the 60s with the direction of the 90s."

" I'd take a small club over a big stadium anyday," said Davis. "I couldn't make half the cracks I do in a big place. It's full of empty faces."

One of the acts featured a tribute to Jimmy Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Santana and Jeff Healey.

Roger Fisher, a 50-year-old former high school teacher of Davis's, showed up to play guitar in the half hour set. Fisher said he had one hour preparation. When asked if they had a drummer, Fisher said,"No. We just burned."

Davis said he's using open mic as preparation for when his band is ready. He said he wants to develop a stage presence before his band plays, which plays everything from folk, jazz, rock to alternative music.

In the future he said he'd like to work in Toronto or on the west coast. He said he eventually wants to take his Canadian sound to the American border with an album entitled "Manufactured in Canada."

Davis has found time for a book of poetry he plans to call "The First Sign Part 1."

Davis said he's spent time writing songs and poems that turn out vastly different from what he intended. In one night Davis wrote lyrics to 10 songs.

In a nutshell, Davis says he doesn't want to be bound by one style of music or entertainment. With industrial sounds mixed with poetry, and old blues mixed with grunge, Davis isn't sure where his art is taking him.

"It's weird being an artist and musician, there is no real answer," said Davis, as he tapped the end of his cigarette on the table.

Only one thing keeps him working, said Davis, as long as (to quote Neil Young) "Everybody's rockin'."

Harpweaver: important role

By LESLEY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

The Harpweaver, an annual anthology of poetry, prose, drama and visual art was launched at Brock University's Pond Inlet on Nov. 13.

Printed in black and white, the first issue contains works by 28 Canadian authors and artists. Submissions were judged anonymously by the *Harpweaver* editorial board, which is made up of Brock University students and faculty members.

The *Harpweaver* launch, sponsored by the Brock English Club, featured musical performances by Myron Kroeker and Robert Hetlam, a dramatic monologue performed by Matt Frietchley, readings by several of the first issue's authors and a reading by guest speaker Steven Heighton, a Kingston, Ont. writer and past editor of *Quarry* magazine.

Deborah Ranchuk, president of the Niagara Branch of the Canadian Authors' Association, presented Goderich, Ont., poet and publisher Peter Baltensperger with the Canadian Authors Association Prize for Poetry for his poem, *Autumn Leaves Falling*, which appears in *The Harpweaver.*

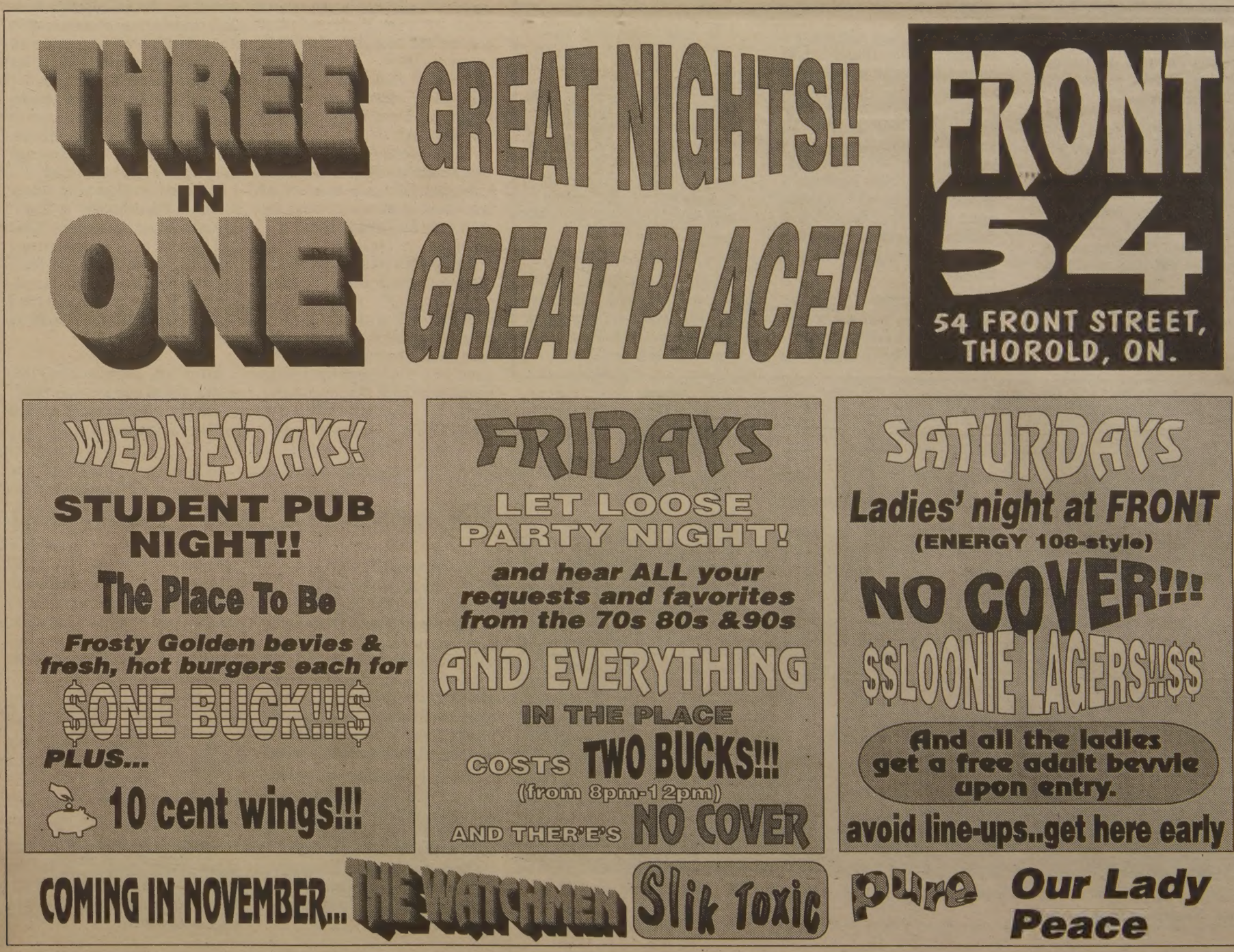
"Writers all begin in little magazines. A little magazine should not be some gilded cage, but a kind of field without fences — a muddy field where real things are dying, composting, and sprouting into life," said Heighton. "*The Harpweaver* will play an important role in the cultural life of the Niagara Region — not only because it's the only literary magazine in this area, but because it's obviously the love child of a very dedicated group of writers, editors, and benefactors."

Harpweaver co-founder Colleen Pielechaty, 23, spoke on behalf of the Harpweaver Club, a not-for-profit organization at Brock University. She acknowledged the support of Dr. Elizabeth Sauer, Patricia Abrams, the Department of English Language and Literature - Brock University, and community sponsors.

"Our eventual goal is to publish *The Harpweaver* twice a year," said Pielechaty. "Next year we will be accepting submissions in both English and French."

Heighton signed copies of his two most recent books, *The Ecstasy of Skeptics* (Anansi, 1994) and *Flight Paths of the Emperor* (Anansi, 1992), and offered words of encouragement to aspiring authors.

Individual issues of *The Harpweaver* will be available at local bookstores, including Hannelore Headley Old and Fine Books in St. Catharines and Read 'Em Books and Murder and Mayhem in Old Port Dalhousie.



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Goulding pursues Master's Degree in Oral Sciences

Niagara teacher attending University in Buffalo

By VICTORIA BECK
Staff Writer

Marilyn Goulding has held many jobs over the years.

Goulding, of Fort Erie, has been teaching in Niagara College's Dental Hygiene program since it was reinstated three years ago.

She said she is uncomfortable with the title of professor.

"Formally, the title for Ontario community college teachers is professor," said Goulding.

Goulding graduated with a diploma in dental hygiene in 1977 and was a clinical hygienist until 1988. In 1988, she "went into dental hygiene research, but during the time I was in research, I still practiced clinically, but not on an everyday basis...you did mostly other things," she said.

Goulding, 41, has been a research consultant, a research co-ordinator, a teaching master, a practicing hygienist, a licensing examiner and a scientific editor over the past seven years.

Goulding was an editor for a journal called Probe until recently. She resigned after holding the post for five years. She said she thought "it was time we had somebody else's ideas. I made some changes in the journal and I was happy with the changes. I could see a positive growth to the journal...but for the journal's sake it would be a really good idea to have a fresh person on board.

Goulding said it was thrilling and scary to see something she had written published in the Probe. "It was a milestone," said Goulding.

"The other reason was I decided to go back to school and complete my Masters degree."

Goulding is attending the State University of New York at Buffalo, N.Y. to get her Master of Oral Sciences degree. She has her Bachelors degree in science from Empire State, where dental hygiene education and clinical research was her double major.

Goulding went back to school because she said, she "wanted to understand dentistry at a deeper level, so I could get information to students, and I wanted to pursue for myself an area I didn't have any knowledge in, which was research." She couldn't do research without a degree.

"When you graduate it's with dental hygiene entry level knowledge and you are certainly not going to do any teaching, but once you go through any level of knowledge and are comfortable with that level then you have room to go on to other levels," said Goulding.

"When you just graduate you're still experimenting with that knowledge and putting it into practice, but are not really comfortable with it," said Goulding.

Goulding said she didn't have a favorite job but "each one has nice things about it."

She said she was surprised at her abilities and at how well she fit into research and how well suited it was for her own personality. "I didn't realize that when I started," she said.

All Goulding's project involvements were under L.A. Christersson's direction. Christersson is the director of the research centre at the University of Buffalo, in New York State.

Goulding was the director of scientific studies. She said she was "drawn to this. These were clinical studies involving human subjects, not laboratory studies.

"Drugs or treatments for dental problems were used. Being it was a Periodontal Disease Research Centre, it was mostly to do with periodontics, which is a high interest for dental hygienists," said Goulding.

Goulding and her husband, Reginald, have been married for 20 years and have three children, Ryan, 16, Brandi, 15, and Heather, 11.

Goulding said she and her husband have levels of personal growth and they make accommodations for each other. Her children "understand that we all have goals" and are helping to reach those goals.

"I think a big part of my life right now is my thesis and what I'm looking at. That kind of takes my waking hours," said Goulding.

Marilyn Goulding demonstrates a dental technique to some of the Dental Hygiene program students.

Photo by Victoria Beck

Friendly volunteers wanted to be 'leisure buddies'

By SHELLEY HOLDEN
Staff Writer

Become a leisure buddy with the Welland Recreation Department.

Volunteers willing to help an individual in a leisure activity are needed by the Welland Recreation Department a few hours weekly.

Natalie Kispal, leisure buddy co-ordinator, said there are no requirements, except volunteers be friendly, outgoing and willing to make a difference.

Each week, the buddy and volunteer plan activities to fit each other's interests and schedules. "The duration of time spent together is up to the buddy and the volunteer," said Kispal.

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